

# Request for Remote Public Input for House Select Committee on COVID-19 Public Comments Report - LINC

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04/15/2020 03:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. David Brent Troth	Please continue to support the stay at home orders and consider extending them further if needed. Removal of these restrictions too early could cause a resurgence of COVID-19 and completely wipe out that good that is currently being done toward flattening the curve.
04/15/2020 03:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bonnie McCarthy	Please ensure that incarcerated people, medical staff and correction officers be able to follow public health experts' recommendations on how to stem the spread of the coronavirus in closed communities. It is only by these efforts that the spread of this debilitating virus can be contained. Thank you.
04/15/2020 03:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Amy Kelso	North Carolinians are grateful for the existence of this committee to ensure every voter will be able to safely vote by mail this November. Providing every voter with a mail-in ballot and waiving the witness signature requirements and postage costs will be essential for the viability and integrity of NC's November elections. NC is fortunate to have the successful examples of Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, and Utah, who conduct all elections by mail--and of 21 other states, who conduct municipal elections by mail--to follow as we implement Mail-In Voting. Thank you for fast-tracking Mail-In Voting across all of our hundred counties in time for the 2020 general election.
04/15/2020 03:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr David Brent Troth	Given that we do not have any idea how long the current COVID-19 crisis will last nor do we know for sure if it will recur in the fall/winter. Please begin planning now for voting by mail and for how best to implement this in time for all NC citizens to vote by mail in this year's general election in November.
04/15/2020 03:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Trey Whittenton	I would like to ask that the state establish a plan for universal voting by mail in the event it is necessary in November. It is essential that these elections take place as scheduled and in a way that is fair to all voters. If in-person voting is deemed safe, there must be adequate accommodations - number of polling places, early voting hours, booths, etc.  In regard to when to "reopen" the state, I would only ask that you let public health experts guide those decisions. Like everyone else, I want to get back to "normal," and I have concerns about restricting our freedoms. But we cannot let inconvenience (or a temporary drop in corporate profits) make us abandon social distancing prematurely when it is working so far.
04/15/2020 03:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kim Dang	Let science/data be the primary driver in deciding when to reopen NC, not political agendas or popularity votes. I want to know that when I go back to normal operations that we won't have a resurgence of new COVID-19 cases.
04/15/2020 03:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rebecca	I just wanted to let you all know that I appreciate the decisions you all have made to keep our state, and the people who live here, safe during this pandemic.
04/15/2020 03:12 PM	Continuity of State	Thanks, Gov. Cooper	I'm so glad that Gov. Cooper has taken a proactive approach and is listening to science

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rachel Pesek	and not just fear/emotion. Please stay the course regardless of how much noise and frustration there is!
04/15/2020 03:14 PM	Health Care Working Group	Keeping shelter in place Marvin Fineman	This country and this State recovered from both the Great Depression and the Great Recession, both of which lasted far longer than a few months. Please keep the shelter in place rules in effect and extend them if needed. Our lives and our loved ones lives depend on you doing what is needed, not what is convenient.
04/15/2020 03:17 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Victoria Reichard	I am a mental health working supervising a team of 88 staff working with children, families, Autism Spectrum, and foster care. Prior to COVID-19 accessible and affordable childcare was already a burden for our staff and our families. We need to support the child care system so that when our staff need to go out in the community they can have safe child care. Again, prior to COVID-19 there was already a gap in citizens getting the services they need to keep their child in the home safely due to lack of insurance or insurance that covered the necessary services. We need to expand Medicaid using federal funds as there will be even more children and families struggling with mental health after COVID-19. Being able to provide the appropriate services needed will save us as a state in the long run by reducing further DSS involvement, incarceration, loss jobs of parents who have to be home more for their children, and the loss of skills to be part off the workforce. During this time we have seen first hand that there is not equitable access to internet in that the infrastructure makes it difficult for rural areas to connect to the internet and this putting others in a deficit by not accessing the services, education, supports needed to thrive. Additionally our foster parents need the support as they are losing their jobs due to COVID-19 and providing a safe and therapeutic home to the most vulnerable children. In addition the families that were working towards reunification needs the supports to be able to move forward with their plan and continue progress with court hearings and visitations that keep all safe. Thank you!
04/15/2020 03:18 PM	Education Working Group	Todd Slater	While I miss my students dearly I am not seeing the advantages of opening schools for 1-3 weeks, depending on district, and having students AND teachers contracting and spreading this virus. We are in too close of contact with each other not to. Yes younger generations might not have the severe symptoms but they sure do go home to those that do. Plus a lot of my kids have underlying health issues and a lot of the teachers I work with are older teachers with u derlying health issues.
04/15/2020 03:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Susan Keylor	1. Please consider amending the voting rules to give flexibility to the Bd. of Elections in responding to emergencies such as the pandemic. 2. Make absentee voting easier so ballots are easier to obtain by all eligible voters. Have an on-line portal available and eliminate the need for 2 witnesses which is unsafe during social distancing and unrealistic for single and older people. 3. Make voter registration available on line. 4. Assume the costs for mailing in an absentee ballot.
04/15/2020 03:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ellen Marks	Please, please retain the stay-at-home order.

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04/15/2020 03:23 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Ruth Merkle	As a senior citizen with a health condition, I do not want the State to "Reopen" until we know all our citizens are safe. We are keeping our COVID-19 deaths to a minimum by continuing with the Governor's request to stay at home, and to wear masks whenever we must go out. Everyone has a right to be safe; and to give into a minority that wants to reopen our State just because they are bored, or want to work again, is both foolish and selfish.
04/15/2020 03:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. John Ford	Naturally most citizens are very eager to resume their normal lives, however, public health needs to be safeguarded. I respectfully submit that until such time as reliable testing for all citizens becomes available, airport health screening protocols are emplaced, and health care facilities are adequately stocked with the machines, medicines and providers required to treat the victims of this pandemic, the state proceed cautiously. Prematurely removing all restraints to commerce might produce both needless deaths and unintended adverse economic outcomes.
04/15/2020 03:28 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Terri DeWees	Please keep social distancing and stay at home orders in effect. It's working and we are saving lives. By lifting restrictions prematurely you will be overwhelming hospitals and causing additional illness and death.
04/15/2020 03:33 PM	Health Care Working Group	Vickie Atkinson	It is critical that we protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place as long as needed. The economy is important - yes. But without the public's health, there is no economy. Relaxing the stay-at-home order before we have the safeguards in place to protect public health will negate all the pain we've gone through already.
04/15/2020 03:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Vickie Atkinson	It is critical that we protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place as long as needed. The economy is important - yes. But without the public's health, there is no economy. Relaxing the stay-at-home order before we have the safeguards in place to protect public health will negate all the pain we've gone through already.
04/15/2020 03:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ellen Stutts	I applaud Governor Cooper for taking swift and decisive action regarding the stay at home order. I urge him not to be swayed by the people who think it's OK to put the entire state at risk by reopening prematurely just for the sake of the economy.
04/15/2020 03:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Kathy Langfield	Please maintain restrictions on activity as long as necessary to protect life and those on the front lines. Please also support our businesses as you are able so they'll be here when it's time to reopen.
04/15/2020 03:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ex. Director Terry Bryant	If the House could pass the original NR Grants that were in the original 19-20 budget, that would aid some of the museums in getting over this crisis. Thank you,
04/15/2020 03:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Ruth Merkle	As a senior citizen with a health condition, I do not want the State to "Reopen" until we know all our citizens are safe. We are keeping our COVID-19 deaths to a minimum by continuing with the Governor's request to stay at home, and to wear masks whenever we must go out. Everyone has a right to be safe; and to give into a minority that wants to reopen our State just because they are bored, or want to work again, is both foolish and selfish. I have a son who is a Chef who has been out of work since March when his restaurant closed. He worries about whether he can pay his rent. Yes, he would love to be working again. But he is also concerned about my health, his health, and the health of his co-workers if the restaurant opens before the pandemic is over and they all get sick,

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			<p>especially since HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY HEALTH INSURANCE! Will the State pay his medical bills if he gets COVID-19? Probably not. If neither employers nor the legislature will not take care of those who are sick and cannot work, what is it gaining by telling them to go back to work prematurely and risk getting sick? Also, many people are still working and receiving a paycheck, but they are working from home. So it's not like everyone is out of work. And for those who are, they can receive unemployment benefits, although they would be earning more and getting it for more weeks, if the general assembly hadn't reduced the unemployment benefits. So please wait to "Reopen" the State. Our safety should be the State's first priority. Thank You.</p>
04/15/2020 03:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lisa Pexk	<p>Thank you for keeping NC closed to keep us safe! Please don't reopen too soon and have us turn into a New York. I am hurting financially but myself and my family are healthy.</p>
04/15/2020 03:48 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Freda Dias	<p>I urge the committee to do everything in it's power to protect public health by maintaining stay-at-home orders, if not extending them if epidemiological experts recommend it. Please also consider Medicaid expansion to aid North Carolinians who fall in the gap and are without health insurance. Thank you. Cary, NC resident</p>
04/15/2020 03:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Raven Chitalo	<p>As a mother of small children and the daughter of high-risk parents, I am very concerned about reopening too quickly. We must wait until we have the level of testing and contact tracing required to prevent mass spread. We must also have rules in place to help those unable to return to work due to health conditions and a continued limit of gatherings of large size. Decisions should be guided by the best minds in public health and not politically or economically driven.</p>
04/15/2020 03:51 PM	Education Working Group	ms. susan griffin	<p>Please do not reopen our state. Please follow the course of action we prudently began in response to Covid-19. To re-open will place our limited resources under strain. It is taking a fatal toll upon the health care providers of the "hots spots". It would adversely impact our resident population and inspire others to travel from elsewhere to our state to gain release from restrictions in their own states. It will put not only elderly at risk but place a currently, unknown health, financial, and industrial burden upon younger generations as nearly 40% infected are under 50 yrs. of age. The fatality and long term costs will be far greater and last far longer than needed if we reopen at this time. Be wise, be smart, and good stewards of both our land and especially of our people. We had it tough 250 years ago but North Carolinians led the way and stood independent and firm in the face of the nay-sayers then, let us stand firmly on the side of what truly benefits our peoples currently, and more importantly for our youngest citizens. Do not make them carry the financial or emotional burden of exposure to the foolish, make them the sturdy, knowledgeable leaders of common sense for the common good. It's our heritage to lead and provide an example. If our state founders could hold out for 13 months waiting for the other colonies to reach a consensus back in 1775 then surely we should have the fortitude and wisdom to be able to do the same now. Stand up for our people first, we will work out the rest when we can do so safely.</p>
04/15/2020 03:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Freda Dias	<p>While I understand there are economic concerns making some want to reopen NC, I urge you to listen to epidemiological experts and maintain stay-at-home orders if not extend them if needed. Thank you. Cary, NC resident</p>

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04/15/2020 03:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Laurie Chess	Please vote to expand Medicaid. It has always been the moral and economically sound thing for NC. Now, it is a public imperative for all.
04/15/2020 03:55 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Sandra Ricci	<p data-bbox="968 175 2045 207">Covid-19, Covid-19 Subcommittee Education</p> <p data-bbox="968 240 2045 272">Dear Sir/Madam,,</p> <p data-bbox="968 305 2045 646">The Washington Post dated 4/13/2020 reported that due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. Based on the experience from Covid-19, we are requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model. This model would make available a continuum of learning opportunities and services for students regardless of location, and socio-economic status, as part of NC’s disaster preparation. With the possibility that occurrences like the COVID 19 can occur again, wouldn’t it make sense to develop and implement a system for all schools to use that would provide a continuation of education and related services for students, should the need arise? Continuity of education and related services for students should be a priority, as these young people are our future.</p> <p data-bbox="968 678 2045 1239">Right now, as in many cities and communities throughout the US, not every child has access to a computer and / or the internet at home to be able to access distance-learning education. This needs to change, and can be by creating partnerships between the school system(s) and telecommunication. For example, (Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in Maryland and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) in Virginia, school systems are partnering with telecommunication companies (Verizon, AT &amp;T, etc...) to provide basic internet access in student homes that have no internet. School systems are loaning chromebooks (Acer computers) that are signed out to each student to be used during this remote distance learning period. The New York Times, and other businesses are offering support, access, and monies to communities that need help in setting up these distance-learning systems. MCPS and FCPS have been very creative in developing / presenting online curriculum using different programs and platforms, some of which include, but are not limited to Google Classroom, Zoom, MY MCPS Portal (MCPS), Blackboard, etc.. Challenging times call for creativity, resourcefulness, and partnering to set up programs by which ALL students from pre-K through grade 12, have the opportunity to learn – albeit in a nontraditional way. By ensuring every student has these basic technological tools, it also ensures every family is connected to school and resources. This needs to be implemented before the next disaster pandemic – as soon as possible.</p> <p data-bbox="968 1239 2045 1271">Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p data-bbox="968 1304 2045 1417">Sincerely, Sandra L. Ricci, 919-807-9782 6609 Battleford Dr. Raleigh, NC 27613</p>
04/15/2020 03:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working		Governor Cooper and all state officials have done a wonderful job in this unprecedented situation that the pandemic has placed us in. The states response has helped us keep the numbers lower than expected with a population the size of NC.

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04/15/2020 03:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Susan Ferguson	We need to keep all the restrictions in place until the scientist and health leaders say it is safe to open things up. Cooper is doing the right thing for the people of NC during this crisis.
04/15/2020 03:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Rebekah Rhodes	I vehemently oppose vaccine mandates of any kind either for the cover 19 virus or for any other reason. It is a replicating virus and the vaccine won't be effective. Not to mention that this type of virus hasn't been able to be made into a vaccine because it enhances the illness and makes everything worse! The fact that this is being thrown together so quickly due to fear is another HUGE red flag. Skipping animal testing is a huge mistake.
04/15/2020 03:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Krystine Hadley	I certainly appreciate the forts of most for the benefit of all. It makes it possible to believe in the good of mankind. It is sheer ignorance to think that trying to cheat in the race to reopen by circumventing the process of Covid 19 spreading will only cost us more lives. I wonder if this crying foul are truly ready to sacrifice their loved ones for \$1. That would be murder, so it can't possibly be true. We need leaders who can lead, they can't be bullied. We are all in this together. Do the right thing and keep NC shut down until we know more about keeping residents safe!
04/15/2020 03:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Rebekah Rhodes	Please consider opening our state sooner than later! I would hate to see more people affected worse than the disease itself. Please reconsider. Thank you.
04/15/2020 04:00 PM	Education Working Group	Stacy Lyerly	I value a data/science driven approach to reopening and remind them that the virus determines the timeline, not protests or political special interests.
04/15/2020 04:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gerardo Rivera	Chairman Berger, Covid-19 Committee, NCGA  Dear Chairman Berger,  The Washington Post dated 4/13/2020 reported that due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. Based on the experience from Covid-19, we are requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model. This model would make available a continuum of learning opportunities and services for students regardless of location, and socio-economic status, as part of NC's disaster preparation. With the possibility that occurances like the COVID 19 can occur again, wouldn't it make sense to develop and implement a system for all schools to use that would provide a continuation of education and related services for students, should the need arise? Continuity of education and related services for students should be a priority, as these young people are our future.  Right now, as in many cities and communities throughout the US, not every child has

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04/15/2020 04:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	Amanda Earley	I think we have done a pretty good job so far but so am worried that resuming our normal routine May 1st will spell disaster for our state.
04/15/2020 04:02 PM	Health Care Working Group	Keep NC Close Karen Taylor	As someobe who has to underlying health issues that make me vulnerable to catching the Coronavirus and the mortality of the Virus, I am requesting that NC remains closed until the recommendations of the CDC have been met.
04/15/2020 04:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Donna Gartrell	Please keep social distancing orders in place. For the health of our communities please choose life over greed and inconvenience. Thank you.
04/15/2020 04:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Keith Johnson	<p>Dear Chairman Berger,</p> <p>The Washington Post dated 4/13/2020 reported that due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. Based on the experience from Covid-19, we are requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model. This model would make available a continuum of learning opportunities and services for students regardless of location, and socio-economic status, as part of North Carolina's disaster preparation. With the possibility that occurences like the COVID 19 can occur again, wouldn't it make sense to develop and implement a system for all schools to use that would provide a continuation of education and related services for students, should the need arise? Continuity of education and related services for students</p>

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04/15/2020 04:05 PM	Health Care Working Group	Tia Hall	We need to protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place (if not extend them), without the public's health, there is no economy. Please let's base our findings in science and wisdom from our physicians and healthcare workers on the front lines. Let's not put \$\$\$ before people.
04/15/2020 04:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Julia Morrison	I am the chief judge in my voting district. Please do mail in votes for the 2020 elections. I do not feel comfortable working the polls under the current conditions and don't fell that our polling place will be able to handle the people safely. Also most of my volunteers are in the age group.
04/15/2020 04:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Julia Morrison	Do not end the stay at home until 1. It is safe to do so. 2. We have a plan in place put together by a committee including doctors, scientists. People who know and understand the facts and tell the truth.
04/15/2020 04:11 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Maureen McNelis	Please accept billions of dollars in federal money for our poorest and vulnerable populations. I'm a health-care provider. In these difficult times, NC needs all the resources we can get. Respectfully.
04/15/2020 04:11 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Jade Dell	Dear Chairman Berger, Due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. I am requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model.

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04/15/2020 04:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr Carole Kinnamont	Please consider implementing mail in voting for the upcoming general election. Hopefully we will not need it but if we have another round of covid in the fall fear of infection could cause a large percentage of the population to be disenfranchised. We need to prepare for this now so we can be ready.
04/15/2020 04:15 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Olivia Shelton	Staying home and using what masks, gloves and hand washing we can are still necessary. Our tiny hospital is already at risk, and larger neighboring hospitals have their own.
04/15/2020 04:16 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Carole Evans	Please consider the use of good data to determine state reopening. It might also be help to have a broader description of the metrics which will be used to guide this decision and the thoughts on how we will reopen published so the population has the opportunity to understand the plan
04/15/2020 04:17 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Bridgette Wagner	I believe in our doctors and experts when they say this is a crucial time for us to be staying home. We need to continue to social distance and keep businesses closed until we flatten the curve, and even then, move slowly toward reopening everything. As Dr. Fauci stated, we must closely observe the data before making any calls as to when we should reopen. I think the #reopenNC movement is very dangerous and that our state government should refrain from caving any more to support this uninformed crowd of people. Reopening too

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04/15/2020 04:18 PM	Health Care Working Group	Margaret Parlier	<p>In this situation, the science is clear....clear that the virus spreads through the air. Beyond that we do not know enough to protect our citizens, our healthcare system, our lives, if we jump too readily upon the economic bandwagon. Yes people need jobs and to pay their rent, buy food etc. But no one should have to trade their life so that someone else can make a profit and that is what this Reopen North Carolina is really looking at. Please, please, please use good sense and good science in this decision. It has not gone unnoticed that the requests for comments is being done remotely. I assume that if it is decided to reopen the state that the people who are making that decision will be right back out there in the crowds of work, restaurants, grocery stores, retail stores, right in front. If you fear for your own health and safety, then please make a good decision to wait this out. We have other ways to help those who need financial help. Perhaps we should concentrate on helping the little people in the meantime with the *stimulus* that has been passed. Perhaps we should consider expanding Medicaid now. That is money coming into the state that could help in more than one way.</p>
04/15/2020 04:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. R. Woodrow Setzer	<p>As difficult as it is, I support continuing with the social distancing and other provisions that are helping to slow the spread of the corona virus and covid-19 disease, for as long as public health experts say we need to. We can compensate for a reduced economy by sharing the resources we all need to survive, but relaxing the restrictions too early will result in more people dying, and when they are gone, we can't get those people back. We clearly need to develop plans to help especially those who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic, and other people who are suffering economically. I realize that might mean that my own taxes will probably need to go up. That is still preferable to accepting an increase in deaths just to "reopen" the economy.</p>
04/15/2020 04:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gerardo Rivera	<p>Dear Mr. Berger,</p> <p>I would like to add to my previous comment. The students of NC need to be taught their subjects/lessons at home instead of our schools. It would be nice if they could return to learning at school but doing so would be too dangerous/reckless. In the meantime, students need to maintain social distancing while continuing to learn. Unfortunately, not all students live equal lives. Some students have all their needs met while others do not. For example, some students do not have internet access or computers/laptops at home. This creates a huge problem for them now that they are at home without technology they would have access to at school.</p> <p>Because of these conditions it is important that your committee does what it needs to fund the students' education &amp; materials. Please provide the funding for laptops for these poor, disadvantaged students or buy the laptops and mail them to the students (they can also pickup these laptops at a designated location/time).</p>

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			<p>Thank you for your time &amp; attention.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Gerardo Rivera</p>
04/15/2020 04:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Martha Raulerson	We are not seeing numbers go down in towns around us, and there is still not enough testing. I live in a large "senior" community, so I think it is best that we do not jump the gun in coming out of lockdown.
04/15/2020 04:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Patricia Townsend	Please do not bow to the pressure of people demanding that closures of businesses and schools end. Let science lead decision making instead of short sighted greed. Please help the people who have lost their livelihoods. Jesus would make sure no one starved because of this crisis.
04/15/2020 04:24 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Pamela Wood	Thank you Gov. Cooper for closing schools in a timely manner to protect our students and teachers. Please consider extending school closures for the remainder of the school year. As much as I miss my students right now, my concern for their health and the health of their extended families is greater. Many students have grandparents as caregivers and I fear for the health of these families. Many teachers have underlying health issues that will put them at greater risk if we return to the classroom too soon. Thank you for your hard work and continued support of education.
04/15/2020 04:27 PM	Education Working Group	Retired School Ptincipal Timothy Smith	I think it is not helpful for groups like Open North Carolina to exclude people who are trying to see all viewpoints. North Carolina may be a less populated area, but we are experiencing some outbreaks that are very concerning. Rowan County has experienced a surge in Covid 19 cases. We do not live in a bubble. Many individuals from Rowan and Cabarrus County work in Charlotte which is experiencing a large number of cases. Please consider this as you consider reopening NC. We haven't hit our peak yet! We are making progress.
04/15/2020 04:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Dobbins	Please do not consider reopening operations in our state without a well thought out plan in place. We have succeeded in keeping our numbers low by early response and staying in place. Schools should not be reopened for the year and businesses should be required to continue with social distancing policies until we have no new cases of Covid-19. If with chose to let restaurants and retails open masks, gloves and other safety measures such as #s of people inside buildings should remain in effect. Distancing between tables in restaurants should be observed. Health regulations should be very strict and other measures observed. Health care officials should be our primary source of safety.
04/15/2020 04:29 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Bernadette DeMauro	I support Gov. Coopers stay at home order. I am concerned about our health care systems being able to handle COVID 19 and keeping our communities safe
04/15/2020 04:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jessica Pappas	Please do not "reopen" our state too early. We need to let scientists and CV specialists make the determination on when and how to re-open NC. A second wave of infections would be disastrous for the citizens of NC, and disastrous for the businesses of our state. Let us follow the science on this decision - the economy WILL bounce back, people killed by this virus will not.
04/15/2020 04:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Jane Bozarth	For the safety of all our citizens please hold firm to (or even extend if necessary) stay-at-home orders in place (if not extend them). There will be no economy if the public is wiped

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			out by this disease. Letting up now endangers the public health and puts our frontline workers in the healthcare and service sectors at additional risk.
04/15/2020 04:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mistie Gotch	Please keep the stay home order in place as long as needed to protect community health!
04/15/2020 04:38 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Susan McClure	Please cover the uninsured in North Carolina by expanding Medicaid. I am a Ph.D psychologist who treats children and adolescents and understand how desperately families need help during this pandemic.
04/15/2020 04:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Anna Weaver	I urge the committee and the General Assembly as a whole to prioritize the expertise and advice of public health professionals when determining when and how to re-open schools, businesses, sports and entertainment, and public services.
			<p>I understand the impatience of people who have lost income and strongly advocate for continued and expanded support for them--and for long-term, permanent policies that will expand and stabilize access to health care by decoupling it from employment, and that will proactively elevate the health status (physical and mental) of people who are under-employed, tenuously employed, or otherwise disadvantaged.</p> <p>But we have to be careful not to react to the angry shouts of a few whose impatience would, according to all the models and the scientists who've been begging us to listen for years, result in an unimaginable tragedy of deaths.</p>
04/15/2020 04:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Stan Kimer	I would like to express support for our Governor doing the right thing ... listening to health experts and doing a reasonable phasing in of re-opening the state that keeps us all safe. Also, please do start planning on alternatives to in person voting to keep us all safe if this continues into November. Thank you
04/15/2020 04:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Jill Blumenthal	Good afternoon,
			<p>As a lifelong North Carolina citizen, thank you for all you are doing to protect our state. I am glad that Gov. Cooper issued a Stay at Home order, and I hope this order is not ended prematurely. It's important we protect our vulnerable citizens and our healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Sufficient PPE for all health care workers</li> <li>+ Stay the course with Gov. Cooper's stay at home order</li> <li>+ Continue to fight for Medicaid expansion in NC</li> <li>+ Unemployment claims processing access or issues</li> <li>+ Support for all first responders</li> <li>+ Continue to push to end the rationing of COVID-19 tests</li> </ul> <p>Thank you.</p>
04/15/2020 04:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Jill Blumenthal	I hope the Committee will make sure we invest enough to make sure that we are able to hold 2020 elections that are secure, fair, and accessible to all citizens even while we work to prevent current and future impacts of COVID-19. Please make sure we invest enough resources into preparing for these elections and follow the recommendations of the Board of Elections and other relevant groups like the League of Women Voters, Democracy North

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			Carolina, You Can Vote, etc..
04/15/2020 04:50 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Paula Jennings	Now is the time to expand Medicaid, if ever there was a time. When one person can't get the healthcare they need without going bankrupt, we all are in danger and suffer accordingly. We could die. Please do the right thing. Protect North Carolinians.
04/15/2020 04:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr Nicole Peterson	<p>I'm writing about NC's handling of the COVID-19 crisis and the need to keep people safe and at home before we lose more lives.</p> <p>Given the following needs, we can keep citizens safe and help our economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Sufficient PPE for all health care workers - industries can produce these</li> <li>+ Stay the course with Gov. Cooper's stay at home order</li> <li>+ Continue to fight for Medicaid expansion in NC</li> <li>+ Unemployment claims processing access or issues</li> <li>+ Support for all first responders</li> <li>+ Continue to push to end the rationing of COVID-19 tests</li> </ul>
04/15/2020 04:51 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Frank Orthel	Keep NC shut down for at least 4 more weeks. I know this is hard but we got to stay safe.
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04/15/2020 04:51 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Thomas Karches	Relaxing COVID-19 restrictions at this time is foolhardy. In the 1918 flu pandemic most people died in the last 3 months after restrictions were lifted without an available vaccine.
04/15/2020 04:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Paula Jennings	I am writing to encourage mail in voting in order to protect us from Covid-19. Please do your jobs to make voting easy and safe. Thank you.
04/15/2020 04:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Joanne Levitan	<p>NC should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amend voting rules to give the NC Board of Elections flexibility to respond to emergencies such as: pandemics, natural disasters, armed conflict, etc.</li> <li>2. Make absentee voting easier by making ballots easier to obtain, and open to everyone eligible to vote. An on-line portal should be available to apply for an absentee ballot. Two witnesses during social distancing is unsafe and unrealistic especially for single, older people.</li> <li>3. Make voter registration available on line. (You can now register to vote or update your voter registration address or party affiliation on line via the NC Division of Motor Vehicles if you are a DMV customer.)</li> </ol>

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04/15/2020 04:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Paula Jennings	4. Assume the costs for mailing in an absentee ballot. Stay at home orders are needed. I'm writing asking you to continue them as long as our health experts deem appropriate. Thank you.
04/15/2020 04:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Amanda K	I think Gov. Cooper is doing great and I hope social distancing measures continue and the reopen is slow and methodical.
04/15/2020 04:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	ms jackie harris	as a nurse with 20 years experience and advanced education in biology and a long list of advanced health care certifications, including disaster management, i can assure you reopening before adequate testing and safety measures are in place is literally a death sentence. take the time to follow guidelines established by WHO. opening, then losing a high number of citizens prompting re closure will happen if you don't prepare wisely. do it right the first time
04/15/2020 04:54 PM	Education Working Group	Monica Bender	If the closing of all schools for several weeks has shown us anything, it's how invaluable our teachers are! Please find the money to give these online heroes a pay raise!
04/15/2020 04:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Jennifer Hocken	Mail in voting will be necessary to preserve our American democracy. Absentee voters are already doing it, make it available for all.
04/15/2020 04:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Skip Staples	<p>Boy, we've been divided politically over everything for years until now we are even unable to agree on how best to handle a pandemic and a recovery strategy. This isn't politics, people; this is a public health crisis. Congratulations, Mr. Putin. As your predecessor Nikita Khrushchev predicted, you didn't even have to fire a shot.</p> <p>Listen, folks. No right thinking person wants us to continue to stay at home while our economy and all our plans and dreams collapse. On the other side of the coin, no right thinking person wants to knowingly risk anyone's life by opening our state up too soon in the pursuit of money. Plato says virtue lies somewhere between two extremes and that certainly applies here.</p> <p>Our leaders must be smart and make decisions based on timely and unquestionably accurate data. We don't have that data at this time. Therefore, any assumptions made about our current status concerning COVID risks cannot be considered as valid. No news (data) is not good news, and in this case, no news is potentially fatal. Any decision made with no valid data is not likely to be a good one. If they err in this at all, as loving and caring people, our leaders must err on the side of caution here.</p> <p>Until we have valid data collected over sufficient time to have a somewhat legitimate idea about our real exposure, the only responsible decision our leaders can make is for us to continue to stay at home. Given the current situation, opening up our economy is wrong, reckless, and is highly likely to cost more lives.</p>

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04/15/2020 04:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Andrew Wagner	I fully support all efforts to suppress the virus, Human life is more important than a brief downturn in the economy!
04/15/2020 04:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer De La Jara	I know there are folks pushing for a reopening. My small business is hurting, too, so I get it but you must follow the science when making your decisions about reopening.
04/15/2020 04:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Monica Bender	Please continue to follow science and facts while making the decision on when to reopen the state. Please don't let an angry unstable mob make the decision that will affect all our citizens. Governor Cooper has been making good choices for all of us and I hope to see it continue.
04/15/2020 04:57 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Leona Whichard	The current pandemic exposes the fact that we have more citizens with no health insurance than would be covered if we had expanded Medicaid. We can't go backward, but passing Medicaid expansion now would be beneficial to many who have lost workplace insurance or who were not able to afford insurance on the marketplace. The excuse that Medicaid expansion might be removed has proven to be an ultraconservative hoax. The smart investment is to pass legislation that will allow the maximum opportunity for NC citizens to acquire health insurance. This should be a high priority when the Legislators go into session.
04/15/2020 04:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Lisa Biordi	While we are all ready for life to return to normal, I do not see how we can rescind the stay at home order without adequate Covid-19 testing, effective treatments or a vaccine. I have family and friends with small businesses and I know the closure of non-essential businesses is wreaking havoc on people's lives. However, I still think being alive, even under hardships, beats being dead. I feel like I risk my life any time I go into a grocery store. I think opening up the economy before the pandemic is under some control and against sound expert medical opinion will risk lives needlessly. If you open the economy too soon, many people will still be too afraid to go out, my family and friends included, which will defeat the purpose of opening businesses back up. Please follow the advice of medical experts who care about the public welfare, don't take the advice of those who only want to make money. Thank you for your time,
04/15/2020 04:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Bob McSwain	<p>This OPEN UP THE BUSINESSES NOW is be driven by CEOs wanting workers back MAKING THE CEO/STOCKHOLDERS money!</p> <p>We should slowly open back up WHEN SCIENTISTS and MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS say it is time. Otherwise we will open up, the disease will again bloom, and we will have to cease businesses until 2021, 2022, or ....</p> <p>Rely on science not politics or money!</p>
04/15/2020 05:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Don't Reopen Early Jill Anderson	I'm so proud of my state for mandating staying at home. I feel safer knowing strict controls are in place and we are saving lives. Please stay firm in your decision, do not open early. The economy will come back, but our loved ones who die from Covid-19 or complications from it will not. Do not risk our lives and the lives of our loved ones, do not reopen early.
04/15/2020 05:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kara McElligott	Our current healthcare workforce are already emotionally and physically depleted, and we haven't yet hit our COVID peak. If we do not stay home, a new wave will bring the workforce down further. It is very real likelihood that doctors and nurses will walk away. Listen to the doctors listen to the ones fighting for our lives. Follow healthcare

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04/15/2020 05:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Protect North Carolinians Diana Captain	<p>recommendations, and the kids, workers and businesses will all be better in the long run</p> <p>Please insure: Sufficient PPE for all health care workers, stay the course with Gov. Cooper's stay at home order and continue to fight for Medicaid expansion in NC. Work to solve unemployment claims processing access or issues give support for all first responders. Continue to push to end the rationing of COVID-19 tests.</p>
04/15/2020 05:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lauren Richardson	<p>The DES website and system needs to be top priority-- I understand volume is an issue, but after my claim being held up for almost 3 weeks for no apparent reason and no way to contact DES for resolution, I finally had got a call (after pestering my NCGA reps for 2 weeks) and going thru the weekly certification questions are ridiculous!! The whole system is set up to be a confusing web of disinformation and misdirection, and that certification is just confusing enough to cause someone to inadvertently halt their payments! I have a degree in computer science, I worked in IT my entire career, and I have never seen such a mess! This system should be the most robust service offered by our state, as even in the best of times, it serves our most vulnerable. I pay taxes at the highest rate, and am very disappointed to see what a travesty this system is! Stop with the tax breaks for the wealthy and start taking care of essential services for the working people of this state!</p>
04/15/2020 05:04 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Mary ipock	<p>Please keep NC businesses and schools closed until more testing is firmly in place. We want safety for all workers and citizens. A second wave of Covid would probably be more deadly than the first. I wonder if most of NC has reached the peak.</p>
04/15/2020 05:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kara McElligott	<p>We must have mail in voting</p>
04/15/2020 05:07 PM	Health Care Working Group	Keep us all safe AT HOME kris carmichael	<p>Please do what is good for all our citizens. Save lives by continuing current measures that are working.</p>
04/15/2020 05:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Linda McLennan	<p>I sincerely hope our Governor will continue the path of caution in resuming business as usual. He's been showing excellent leadership so far, much more so than the federal government. Please continue to err on the side of caution and support our citizens through unemployment payment and any other economic support available.</p>
04/15/2020 05:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Angela Whitney	<p>I hope that we can reopen in a safe and responsible way. I don't think it should be done at the end of April. We need strategy and plans, but to go back to "business as usual" will be detrimental to the citizens of NC. It is irresponsible, after all we have done, to go back to so called normal and will likely cause widespread illness and death. We have sacrificed so much that it would be a horrible shame to see it all be for nothing at all.</p> <p>Please, let's do this responsibly and do not be pushed around by people who feel there is nothing wrong here, people that think our data or low numbers (so they think) means anything (so as far as we are not doing widespread testing, the numbers are almost meaningless), or people who have become over confident that this illness will not affect them in any way. People who believe that they are public health experts when they are not should not sway or make demands that go against public health and safety of all of NC.</p>

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04/15/2020 05:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Lisa Biordi	While I hope conditions improve regarding the coronavirus, I do think the state needs to put procedures in place so that people can mail in their ballots, or other methods where we either do not have to go to the polls in person, or public safety measures will be in place. My husband and I will vote even if it means risking hospitalization or death but we would really prefer not to take such a risk.
04/15/2020 05:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Amy Sutton	I believe that we need to keep NC closed. We haven't properly tested and analyzed the Corona Virus. Let's NOT be the next New York. Keep our citizens SAFE.
04/15/2020 05:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Hannah Whichard	I am very concerned about calls to reopen the economy/NC. I live in an area with a tourist based economy so I understand the impact the stay at home order is having on small businesses, including restaurants. However, I'm writing to urge you to heed the advice of medical experts who warn reopening the economy to soon will result in a rise in Covid 19 cases. Do not undo the good done by the stay at home order by reopening the state!
04/15/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs Geri Goldstein	Gov Cooper is right to keep the stay at home orders in place until we have testing and know who's got the coronavirus and who is immune. We need to protect public health because without the public's health, there is no economy. That's how things actually work.
04/15/2020 05:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Steve Mahaley	My primary concern is for the health of the people of North Carolina - all the people. I hope the economic support working group is working closely with the health care working group to think through the various issues around adequate funding and support for our current health care workforce, AND ways NC could support access to health care of all of North Carolina's residents. Part of the economics, to my mind, will be to revisit the decisions related to medicaid expansion - we should be providing more to those who are most vulnerable! With health care insurance charges, prescription drug fees, co-pays for visits, and enormous deductibles, we must make affordable and accessible health care an integral part of the economic upgrades to not just get us back to work, but to get us there with security that has been lacking for far too long. Thanks.
04/15/2020 05:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Connie Hughes	Please open back up. The economy is suffering so bad. Please let there be a graduation for high school seniors.
04/15/2020 05:14 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Geri Goldstein	Gov Cooper is right to keep the stay at home orders in place until we have testing and know who's got the coronavirus and who is immune. We need to protect public health. Schools can't open until we know it's safe for students, teachers and support staff.
04/15/2020 05:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Geri Goldstein	Gov Cooper is right to keep the stay at home orders in place until we have testing and know who has the coronavirus and who is immune. We need to protect public health. Therefore we need to have safe elections. Mail in ballots should be mailed all eligible voters.
04/15/2020 05:18 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Cathy Lyons-Spear	There are several vitally important issues to address regarding COVID-19 when the NC State Houses convene soon. I would like to highlight two essential issues for our children and their families. Over one million NC residents have no health insurance in the middle of this pandemic. Yet

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			<p>the General Assembly has it within its power to immediately cut the rate of uninsured by 50%. All that our leaders need to do is accept federal funding to expand NC Medicaid. Why wouldn't you?</p> <p>Hunger and nutrition for our children are very serious. One in five children in NC faces hunger every day. Normally when children are in school, they have an opportunity to eat free or reduced lunch and breakfast for all students in some districts.</p> <p>Expecting volunteers to step up and fill the gap for all our unemployed and low-income people is not feasible. Our legislators need to provide funds to prevent our families from being hungry during such desperate times. Please work on a bipartisan basis for all of our citizens.</p> <p>Thank you, Cathy Lyons-Spear <a href="mailto:lyonsspear@gmail.com">lyonsspear@gmail.com</a></p>
04/15/2020 05:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Ariella Gladstein	Stay at home order should kept in place. Careful considerations of realistic models post peak infection should be used to inform decision making. Health of the community should come first.
04/15/2020 05:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Geri Goldstein	Gov Cooper is right to keep the stay at home orders in place until we have testing and know who has the coronavirus and who is now immune. We need to protect public health because without the public's health, there is no economy. We need to expand Medicaid.
04/15/2020 05:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Margaret Nordstrom	Please, please allow pre-paid mail-in ballots. This is so important to our health and safety and to our democracy.
04/15/2020 05:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Don't be an idiot Tom Monte	Don't be an idiot. But groceries but stay at home. If you defer the order you sign your or your loved ones's death warrant.
04/15/2020 05:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Joshua Hickey	<p>I urge the NC legislature to listen to the guidance given by medical and science professionals regarding the currently in-place safety measures around COVID-19 insofar as they relate to keeping the state in a general LOCK DOWN status. We must keep the LOCK DOWN in place to prevent more sick and dead residents.</p> <p>We should keep all unessential businesses and social activities to a minimum and enforce social distancing as long as we need to as advised by medical professionals. By lifting these restrictions early we risk a massive spike in infections (and deaths) that is not only devastating to families and friends but impacts our health systems to a point they cannot effectively function, which can cause cascading problems and put us in a worse position than we are now.</p> <p>We all know these economic impacts are tough - I desperately want to return to regular work as well and feel for all the workers and families that are struggling right now, but I would much rather wait it out for another month or two and BE SURE that we can safely restart operations rather than do it too early and risk prolonging this pandemic and</p>

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			<p>increasing the amount of sick and dead people. It is absolutely unacceptable to put so many people in harms way for economic reasons. This is a problem that the Federal and NC government must work hard at rectifying - citizens that are out of work MUST be financially backed by the government during this pandemic with monthly stimulus payments.</p> <p>The North Carolina legislature, above all else, must keep safety and health as their top priority. If that means that the state government needs to do more economic stimulus payments to keep the people solvent during this crisis then that is the way they must go. The NC government should be doing everything in its power to make sure its citizens STAY HOME for the duration of this pandemic and are able to ACCESS and AFFORD the basic necessities of living without fear of being removed from their home for non-payment of rent or mortgage.</p>
04/15/2020 05:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pamela Frome	<p>North Carolina needs to keep in place and extend the stay-at-home order for as long as necessary to keep the public safe. This is the only way to flatten the curve which protects the health of all citizens, and especially protect the health of essential workers such as health care providers, grocery store workers, and nursing home staff. If it becomes optional to reopen businesses then more people will catch the virus, most will not have severe symptoms and won't know that they have it, and they will inadvertently spread to it essential workers who do not have the option to stay at home. Therefore we must maintain the stay at home order and probably extend it for a longer time period.</p>
04/15/2020 05:26 PM	Health Care Working Group	Jb Robak	<p>Opening up the restrictions in place now is a death sentence for many individuals. The elderly, the poor, the needy. Those most at risk will be put on the alter to be sacrificed for the open NC types insatiable appetite for consumption and the DOW. Human life is worth so much more. Do not lessen what we have in place to placate the loud and obnoxious. Protect the public. Keep the provisions and the closures. The loss of money is replaceable. The loss of life is not.</p>
04/15/2020 05:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Suzanne Ruff	<p>We need to make sure that social distancing and staying home is our state's priority until we can be assured it is safe to resume normal conditions.</p> <p>We also need to allow voting by mail.</p>
04/15/2020 05:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Janna Wallace	<p>Please support extending 'stay-at-home' orders until public health experts deem it is safe for the general public to be out and about. Support widespread testing for the disease. Health and safety far more important than restoring business as usual.</p>
04/15/2020 05:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Cornelia Maxted	<p>Please do not make North Carolina voters choose between safekeeping our health and our right to vote. Absentee balloting should be made easily available to all and at no cost!! I strongly encourage you to amend voting rules so that the NC Board of Elections can respond appropriately to emergency situations such as this pandemic. Registration, request for ballots, and voting should all be made possible through mail and/or internet. If by mail, then cost of postage and pre-addressed envelopes must be included with these materials in order to keep people safely at home.</p>
04/15/2020 05:28 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr William Morgan	<p>I support Governor Cooper's stay at home policy. I miss going out and being with people, but I recognize that as contagious as this virus is, it is in my best interest not to go back to</p>

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			pre-Coronavirus activities. I urge this committee to support the health of NC citizens regardless as to whether or not all citizens recognize they need this help.
04/15/2020 05:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Bonnie Latham	Please let the health data and stats drive the decision regarding the easing of stay-at-home directive. I'm concerned that political nay-sayers and "squeaky wheels" are swaying this decision. I'm worried that the NC directive will be lifted too soon, and all the sacrifices made to this point will have been for nothing. Without our general public health, we have nothing. Please, keep us safe.
04/15/2020 05:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Pamela Frome	Our state leaders need to act now to ensure that mail in voting is an easy option for all citizens of North Carolina in November 2020. We cannot have fair elections where everyone has an equal opportunity to vote if people are forced to choose between risking their health and voting. We do not know what stage of dealing with COVID-19 will be in November. We could be in a second wave of the virus by then. If mail in voting is not an easy, free option by then many elderly and health compromised citizens will be disenfranchised.
04/15/2020 05:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lynn Hancock	The time to 'reopen' our economy is when public health officials deem that it is safe to do that. We have not gone through this long process of staying at home and social distancing only to open things up and have the virus spread like wildfire, causing us to go back and do this again. The safety of the healthcare workers and the people of our state must be the highest priority when determining when to 'open' the economy, not an arbitrary date that has no relevance to what's actually happening in our communities and state.
04/15/2020 05:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathleen McCurdy	Please keep following the advice of medical experts as you consider the economic aspects of Covid-19. The restrictions seem to be slowing the spread, which will allow us to recover sooner. Brian Moynihan advocates caution in "reopening" workplaces.
04/15/2020 05:38 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Samuel Todd	<p>Dear Senator Berger/Speaker Moore,</p> <p>We need our leadership to come together and figure out a solution that protects North Carolinians from COVID-19 and financial ruin. To do that, you must act now to expand Medicaid for more than 500,000 people.</p> <p>The COVID-19 crisis is weakening our economy, workers and employers in ways that no other recession has before. We have seen unprecedented numbers of people lose their jobs and health insurance benefits in the middle of a public health crisis -- when people need access to coverage the most.</p> <p>The health of the person next to us affects our health and the person next to them too. We all need one another to be healthy and thriving to contribute to our economy and our community.</p> <p>Those who continue to work in "essential" businesses to ensure we can meet our needs are the faces of North Carolina's uninsured. They work in our grocery stores, delivery services and gas stations. They risk their health and their family's health by going to work each day so that the rest of us can survive. In risking so much, our state owes it to these workers to ensure access to critical care when they need it most through health coverage.</p> <p>We need our leaders to rise above partisan norms in times of crisis to demonstrate they</p>

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			<p>are willing to work for the health and welfare of our state. I urge you to expand health insurance coverage during this crisis.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sam Todd</p>
04/15/2020 05:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Candace Porter	<p>I strongly oppose lifting stay-at-home orders, opening schools and businesses etc. until we have testing available for EVERYONE, and a solid contact tracing SOP (standard operating procedure). Yes, we're getting stir crazy, and yes I need to be able to work again, and my son needs to be in school, but it's not worth it to get open if it means we're either going to be right back in the place with a huge outbreak, or, continue with everything staying open despite a huge outbreak. We need a plan first.</p>
04/15/2020 05:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Robert Miller	<p>Society can't wait for a vaccine or therapeutic/pharmaceutical solution to be found before returning to some measure of normalcy. We'll have to knowingly accept the risks. In the meantime, mass producing/distributing test kits, tracing methodologies, and personal and medical safety equipment should be a massive national priority, and should be widely available to the most affected jurisdictions before completely relaxing stay-at-home restrictions.</p>
04/15/2020 05:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Mary Sibrack	<p>Please expand Medicaid coverage in N.C. We have always needed this but now it is cruel not to offer medical coverage to low income citizens</p>
04/15/2020 05:43 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Gina Guerrero	<p>Schools are a breeding ground for any virus. Teachers and other staff may have underlying conditions or be immune compromised, they need to be kept safe as well. There should be no movement on schools opening until we can insure that all people who work in a school can be kept safe.</p>
04/15/2020 05:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kevin Flanagan	<p>I believe that the only way to move us forward, keeping the state and city services we depend on working, is to keep the stay home order in place to the extent necessary. By necessary I mean that we base any re-opening on science and advice from medical professionals. Opening too fast will mean that we'll be likely to have a second wave of infections, possibly even worse than the first. Proceed with great caution. At a minimum those of us who can work from home should stay there. Keeping the volume of people in businesses to a minimum, while allowing people to do things like get food. I think that we are doing a fairly good job for many of us, don't move to quickly and lose this progress.</p>
04/15/2020 05:47 PM	Health Care Working Group		<p>There is low census in the hospitals, the field hospital in meck county is no longer needed. There is no chance of getting more tests or antibody testing in the near future. There is probably more herd immunity then you think. You cannot keep the state closed forever. There is an increase in domestic abuse, mental illness and unemployment. These estimates on "peak" are guesses, not sure how scientific even. By the time enough tests get here we will be in a deep economic depression. Nurses are being furloughed due to low census. You have to start opening up. H1N1 was a pandemic also and there was not this level of overreaction.</p>
04/15/2020 05:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Constance Jones	<p>Please know that the overwhelming majority of NC citizens put our fellow citizens health and well-being ahead of short term profits. Please follow science and the advice of career healthcare professionals in making any decisions when to restart our economy. We cannot afford a second wave. We need to quash this one and kill it, not feed it by starting in an ill-advised fashion.</p>

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04/15/2020 05:47 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Paula Tayson	Speaking from thirty years of public health experience, I strongly support a reopening of our state's business and quarantine only with the advice and guidance of qualified public health and medical personnel. This is not a decision that should be based solely on a business or elected official level, but one that includes the health of our state's residents.
04/15/2020 05:48 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Meredith Licht	Until we have a vaccine, we need to shelter in place. Until the most vulnerable—economically, physically—are protected, we need to shelter in place. Until we have a plan for health care for all our families and individuals who lack it, we need to shelter in place. The economy can wait. Humanity cannot.
04/15/2020 05:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Legall	Please keep stay-at-home orders in place as long as necessary, until we have enough widespread testing, to be sure it is safe to re-open business as usual. Small businesses in my county are becoming creative. We have a pharmacy implementing drive thru only process. Drop off new prescriptions or call in refills and order OTC products, then go thru drive thru window for pick-up/payment. They decided not to even open the store itself and pharmacists available at the window for any questions/concerns and so much safer to be in your car. It works great! Our local farmers have started an online order form, order the produce you want and meet at a certain location and stay in your car for pick-up, exact change is given to farmer in a plastic baggie. Working great also. The few restaurants we have are doing curbside service too. It can work and no one is mad. Better to be alive and protect ourselves, family and community. If open too soon, and even more get sick, who will want to even try to leave home to go out and buy anything. More people sick, more deaths, more fear and how is that going to help the economy? Slow and steady makes more sense and we are willing to do what is necessary.
04/15/2020 05:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	Hope Bleecker	I don't think that NC or the United States have a handle on what this is. There are reports from China that 5,000,000 active cell phone numbers are no longer answered. I don't know if this is true or not, but there's so much death in NY and so much misinformation that it's way too early to reopen. Please don't let this turn into the mayhem that is Michigan. Keep your children out of school and keep it closed until you know more about it and until the spread is sufficiently slowed. I don't think you have any idea what is going on with this virus. Stay closed through June- at least and then be prepared to close again.
04/15/2020 05:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Marisa Flores	1 in 10 adults in NC are facing a pandemic with no health coverage. Many of NC's uninsured are working on the front lines of COVID-19 – in places like child care, food service, and nursing homes. Expanding Medicaid would unlock billions in federal funding to support our struggling health care systems. It would also cut the high number of uninsured people in our state in half. Many states are making changes to Medicaid to protect their residents from COVID-19. North Carolina can, too. 37 other states have taken the federal funding to expand Medicaid. They are experiencing better health outcomes and positive fiscal impact. Not one state has reversed this decision since 2010.
04/15/2020 05:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Ms. Elizabeth Blake	Thank you for accepting comments from the public. I know the economic losses many are facing are overwhelming and yet if we hurry to reopen, I fear our losses will be far greater. Please protect our health first and foremost. This will make the most economic sense in the end.

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	Group		Thanks, Elizabeth "Betsy" Blake
04/15/2020 05:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	MS. Kym Whitecar	We should not be lifting current restrictions until after we have peaked. Last I heard that is being projected as June 1st. If that is accurate that is when we should begin the slow process of lifting restrictions. Economies can recover dead people cannot.
04/15/2020 05:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Adele Kelly	Please expand Medicaid benefits to help those who are uninsured. It's needed especially in this time of a pandemic. We need to help all North Carolinians.
04/15/2020 05:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. shelley marshall	Please use caution in re-opening our state. People are priceless.
04/15/2020 05:57 PM	Education Working Group	Me. Carrie Gallagher	I will stay safe in place until tested and the CDC says activities with groups and crowds are safe. Follow public health professionals' recommendations.
04/15/2020 05:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Delan Singleton	We must have sufficient PPE for all health care workers, we should stay the course with Gov. Cooper's stay at home order, we need Medicaid expansion in NC and increased Unemployment claims processing access or issues, to provide the highest level of support for all first responders, and end the rationing of COVID-19 tests. We should not end the stay at home order at this time.
04/15/2020 05:58 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Carol Nelson	Our Internet infrastructure is greatly deficient and is keeping students and teachers from all being successful. Obviously, these stay at home orders are doing their jobs saving lives since congregations of people, like nursing homes and prisons, are hotspots. Thankfully, our schools being closed has prevented this scenario in the young. Please use this incident to ramp up equitable Internet access across N.C. I support social distancing and think it would be a grave mistake to change tactics just to open the economy. Every life saved matters.
04/15/2020 06:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Debra Knox	We have to open responsibly. Relatively speaking my county has few cases. I think face masks and mandatory hand sanitizer at each entrance/exit are a must and limiting amount of people in stores/restaurants. We need testing!!!!
04/15/2020 06:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Kirch	Thank you for having a stay-at-home order. With an 8 month old and a husband who teaches high schoolers, I can feel my family is safe or at least if we need emergency care it will be available, because our hospitals are not overrun.
04/15/2020 06:03 PM	Education Working Group	Mr. Christopher Daniels	Please do not relax restrictions until epidemiologists and physicians say that it is safe to do so, and when you do, please make sure that this is done slowly in accordance with both their guidelines and CDC guidelines.
04/15/2020 06:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Patsy Collins	If ever there was a time to expand Medicare, now is the time!! Please, please, please, for the sake of all North Carolinians, take advantage of support that is there for the taking. It

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			will take all we can get to fight our way back to health and prosperity!
04/15/2020 06:05 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Yvette Murphy	Money for early education centers. We want to be open but we need to make sure that centers are able to be open financially.
04/15/2020 06:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rick Benton	Listen to the medical experts. Georgia and their Republican Governor have three times the number of cases and five time the number of deaths. If this had been handled right from the beginning in November or January we would not be in this situation.
04/15/2020 06:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tracy Kruchko	I would like to express my concern over remaining to keep our businesses closed. This is so detrimental to our economy and will only continue to hurt our citizens. Depression, abuse, no money...it is only going to get worse if we don't open back up very very soon. If the citizens that are at risk would continue quarantine themselves, the rest of us can get back to our lives and help our economy. Thank you for reading this.
04/15/2020 06:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Joanne Lazar	Now more than ever we see the urgency of Expanding Medicaid. Not only will this help people meet their health needs, it will bring money to our health providers. EXPAND MEDICAID!!
04/15/2020 06:09 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rick Benton	I would suggest that you open your committee to the people that want the state opened and hold in person meetings. That will probably speed up the spread and slow the dissension.
04/15/2020 06:13 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Shannon DeJohn	Please close schools for the remainder of the year to save lives. Do not listen to those asking you to sacrifice lives to reopen the economy. They are the misinformed selfish minority. Do the right thing. Also, please close public golf courses which are currently being abused as places for people to socialize without keeping a safe distance.
04/15/2020 06:14 PM	Health Care Working Group	Pamela Hatley	Until widespread testing is available to any citizen requesting it, we will never know the extent of the spread. Our lives will be put at risk if reopening is pushed through without it.
04/15/2020 06:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Natalie Mason	I am aware that there have been many comments from the Reopen NC folks urging the government to lift the shelter in place order so businesses can re-open; but I want you to know that I (and many others) completely agree with the importance of holding tight as long as necessary and not lifting the order until it is safe!!! I think it is imperative to consider safety and preservation of life before economy. Don't let them bully you and know that you have support to do the right thing by maintaining and possibly prolonging the shelter in place order. Thank you.
04/15/2020 06:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Rhonda Phelps	Enough. Let those who seriously need to or out of fear choose to isolate, isolate. Open our state back up. This virus actually has about a 2% death rate. We aren't crazy. Give us back the rights you are trying to deny. Your actions will have consequences at election time!
04/15/2020 06:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Fredua Hamrick	NC should he slow to reopen and school should remain closed until next session. Do NOT play politics with our lives. NC legislators should put politics aside and make the good economic decision to slowly ease into reopening. What stimulus positives to be gained, will be lost in medical cost and DEATH. Also obtain and test more people. Until widespread testing is achieved we cannot contain this virus. DO NOT GIVE IN TO

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			REOPENING due to a loud constituency
04/15/2020 06:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Erin Parks	I'm a small business owner of 5 years in Raleigh, NC. Although I cannot wait to reopen my doors, I do not think reopening the state too early is a good idea. Yes we all need to get back to work but our health and safety is more important and if we open too soon we will have to start all over again and more people may die.
04/15/2020 06:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Nelson	I'm confused as to why we would lift the current restrictions when nothing of importance has changed. We still don't have testing, monitoring or a vaccine. I know people are hurting but we all need to stick it out to keep alive. This can't all have been for nothing.
04/15/2020 06:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Sheila Hamden	I am very concerned about the possibility of lifting the 'stay at home' restrictions too soon. NC hasn't even hit our peak infection rate yet. Also, until we have WIDESPREAD testing and plenty of PPE for our healthcare AND essential workers, we are at a HUGE risk of spreading COVID-19 at a greater speed if we lift restrictions too soon. The BEST thing the NC Legislature can do is to vote to EXPAND Medicaid in NC as the ACA designed it to work so we can cover more North Carolinians who are out of work. It's FREE money. In addition, the NC legislature needs to make aggressive plans for secure mail-in voting for November. Thank you for your service to the citizens of NC.
04/15/2020 06:25 PM	Health Care Working Group	Fredia Hamrick	More testing even if each state has to negotiate contracts with labs. Get on it now. Tests, masks,, vents. The feds are not going to do anything but irritate and agitate. Every state for themselves. Be prepared
04/15/2020 06:26 PM	Health Care Working Group	Nancy Nelson	Health care has to be a priority especially now. We will all suffer if people don't seek medical help because they can't afford it.
04/15/2020 06:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Robert Pleasants	Please be cautious and do not open NC too quickly. Listen to to the CDC.
04/15/2020 06:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MS Molly Urquhart	while none of us will escape unscathed from shutdown, it is critical to prioritize public health far ahead of getting us back to work/school. Lives above livelihood. We can wait, and endure. No health, no economy.
04/15/2020 06:30 PM	Education Working Group	Caroleen Hodge	Until we have a vaccine, we need to shelter in place. Until the most vulnerable—economically, physically—are protected, we need to shelter in place. Until we have a plan for health care for all our families and individuals who lack it, we need to shelter in place. Lives first!
04/15/2020 06:34 PM	Education Working Group	Mr Gary Hodgson	Please maintain the separation between individuals!
04/15/2020 06:35 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Lorelei Elkins	I think it is vitally important to NOT remove the Stay at Home order too soon. I fully support the Governor's response to the Covid -19 pandemic. Please don't be swayed by extremists who are probably funded by the Russians anyway. (I seriously hope not.) Please continue to put lives above money in importance. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to this.
04/15/2020 06:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Megan benham	reopen nc may 1st!

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/15/2020 06:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sally Young	To open North Carolina before the health authorities deem it safe is beyond reckless and stupid. And if you do, and the coronavirus cases and deaths increase, the damage to the economy will be many time worse than keeping it closed now. DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT OPENING NC UP!!!!
04/15/2020 06:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lorelei Elkins	Please don't listen to a small group of idiots and open the state too soon. People are more important than money.
04/15/2020 06:46 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Shari Lewis	<p>I support the current stay-at-home restrictions and feel they should remain in place through April 29th. At that time, any decision to lift or keep those restrictions should be based on science and epidemiologists' recommendations. It should also be based on the results of more tests than are currently being done. If it's decided to lift restrictions, it should be done gradually so the least dangerous activities are restored first. The Governor should be prepared to reinstate restrictions if a spike in cases should occur. While the economy is certainly suffering now, it will suffer even more if we lift restrictions too soon and cause even more deaths and longer periods of isolation.</p> <p>No matter what is decided, I personally will not go out in public until I'm thoroughly convinced it's safe to do so. I'm in the high-risk category for COVID-19 with several co-morbidities. I'll be happy to stay home and watch and wait. In the spirit of full disclosure, I am retired and staying home doesn't cause me any great inconvenience. Others with jobs and businesses are likely to feel a bit differently.</p>
04/15/2020 06:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jay Gervasi	<p>Please don't do something unwise, either to draw a distinction between legislative Republicans and the governor or to try to claim credit for economic recovery. Just do what makes sense, under the circumstances, and keep us safer. If that means suffering an increased period of economic suppression, then do that. Trying to force a premature reopening is a terrible idea.</p> <p>And there is no point in trying to predict timing, when the near future is so uncertain. It's best to just keep a watchful eye and do what makes sense, as we go. It is too early now to know what we need to know to start reopening. Sometimes, pausing is the right kind of action. Trying to "do something" often gets us in trouble.</p>
04/15/2020 06:48 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Joan Mazzu	I would like N.C. to listen to scientist and medical personnel when it comes to re-opening the state. We have a lot of dangerous, uneducated people willing to sacrifice our healthcare workers, the elderly population, the disabled population and our immune suppressed population. We can not let our state be swayed by this rhetoric and we must use China's second wave of infection as an example of not waiting until the curve is flattened. If we have to close due to a second wave of infection we will never recover. Please listen ti the experts!
04/15/2020 06:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Jim Heine	We need to protect public health and keep stay-at-home orders in place (if not extend them), because without the public's health, there is no economy. That's how things actually work.

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04/15/2020 06:51 PM	Health Care Working Group	Karen Fixsen	Please maintain the stay at home status and then reopen gradually and safely. I know it is hard on businesses. I have children and grandchildren suffering and maybe losing their businesses. Money can be recovered but not lives. AND we are courting disaster if our health care professionals and first responders fall ill in large numbers. Be smart. Use the data. We can do this!
04/15/2020 06:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sarah Harriss	Please support Gvr Cooper's stay at home order. It will save lives! Also support companies to create/perform more tests and new treatments for Covid 19 so we can get it under control. Also support companies' efforts to create/distribute protective gear for essential workers. Thank you!
04/15/2020 06:53 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Carla Pack	Folks need to stay home....if you need to go out the practice social distancing.
04/15/2020 06:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Martha Price	We must consider ways to implement vote-by-mail. And we must NOT reopen anything until we have the equipment & gear necessary for safety. Homemade cotton masks are not acceptable. How can NC possibly consider reopening anything when there is not enough equipment nor treatments nor vaccines for COVID-19. NC Legislators are charged with safety!!!
04/15/2020 06:57 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stacey Guy	Keep up the stay at home order. Do not open too soon and risk our lives. Get more testing and enough PPE for our medical people.
04/15/2020 06:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Emily Tsai	<p data-bbox="987 800 2047 865">When thinking about what measures we should be taking to support the North Carolina economy, we should be thinking of solutions that still put the health of the public first.</p> <p data-bbox="987 898 2047 1052">Members of NCGA have boasted in the past that they have created a strong fiscal reserve to support NC residents in the event of natural disasters. The state should be looking into ways to use this money to support unemployment, loans for small businesses, support for children and families who need food, and ways to use that money to stimulate businesses once restrictions have been loosened.</p> <p data-bbox="987 1084 2047 1521">I have really appreciated Governor Cooper's actions to protect the health of North Carolinians. While these have been hard decisions, if you compare the infection rate, the number of the cases, and the number of deaths in NC compared to some other states, such as Texas and Florida, who have been slower in responding to the pandemic, the spread within North Carolina has been slower. We should not be loosening the restrictions within North Carolina until health officials and experts have deemed it is safe. We cannot change the fact that the COVID-19 virus is here. We cannot just pretend that if we remove restrictions in the state, that the economy will improve and things will return to what it was previously. This pandemic has been hard on everyone emotionally, physically, and economically but at the base of it - if we do not put the health of North Carolinians first, nothing else matters. Dead, sick, and scared people do not contribute to a healthy economy. And if we remove restrictions too early, we will likely find ourselves having to reinstate restrictions to ensure hospitals are not overwhelmed, which would set the state back and further negatively impact the economy.</p>

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			I would like to see any elected state official who argues that we should be putting the economy first over the health of the people, to commit to working for a month on the "frontline" in places like retail and healthcare. If you feel the economy is more important, then you should be willing to also put your health on the line to make it happen instead of asking those workers who are currently making less than \$10/hour.
04/15/2020 06:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Janet McElligott	We need to take all precautions for the health and safety of the public during these unpredictable times. Mail in voting for all elections needs to be instituted now. As a high risk senior with pre-existing conditions lowering my immune system, I need to be able to perform my civic duty in the safety of my home.
04/15/2020 07:04 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Youssef Siage	As a physician practicing in Charlotte I do urge North Carolina health official keeping, re-informing and expanding social distancing, shelter in place orders until this pandemic is totally over, we can not place people's life at risk for short sighted financial gains.
04/15/2020 07:05 PM	Health Care Working Group	Willa McNeill	Please do not give up the shelter in place orders too quickly. Listen the epidemiologists and scientists about how to best protect the citizens of NC. Yes, we are tired of it but I am convinced it is our best hope.
04/15/2020 07:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please consider recommendations from professional licensing boards when creating reopening procedures. Each business has different needs in regards to safety for both clients and professionals.
04/15/2020 07:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	Perrin Henderson	Please do not lift the current pandemic stay-at-home order until universally available COVID-19 testing is available.
04/15/2020 07:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Andria Petry-Siage	As the spouse of a physician, I would like to encourage the NCGA to stay the course with Governor Cooper's Stay At Home Order. I would also like to see further work towards obtaining sufficient PPE for all health care workers. We have a long road ahead before our communities are ready to reopen and a stronger commitment to providing COVID-19 tests to insure citizen's health and increase supplies for basic mask and hand sanitizer are essential as we look at moving forward. Thank you.
04/15/2020 07:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Retired nurse Julia Hunsucker	Stay at home to save lives please.
04/15/2020 07:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Anne Henderson	I think it is too soon to open the economy back up. It should be done carefully and should be at the direction of medically trained people who understand what is happening.
04/15/2020 07:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Keep social distancing Tera Long	Keep Social distancing in place to allow a vaccination to be made so I can live to see my 7 year old daughter grow up!
04/15/2020 07:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	1955 Marilyn Darrow	Amend voting rules Make absentee voting easier Make voter reg. available on line Assume the costs for mailing in an absentee ballot.
04/15/2020 07:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Tema Okun	We should continue the stay at home policy in NC, which is currently in much better shape than other states because we acted quickly. The "Reopen" group is being completely irresponsible. If we "reopen" now then we will pay for it in the long term, with both deaths and a very much longer and dragged out period of sickness, dying, and coming out whatever the other side looks like. Reopening is short-term and short-sighted and

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04/15/2020 07:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Covid-19 Jennifer Testa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Sufficient PPE for all health care workers</li> <li>+ Stay the course with Gov. Cooper's stay at home order</li> <li>+ Continue to fight for Medicaid expansion in NC</li> <li>+ Support for all first responders</li> <li>+ Continue to push to end the rationing of COVID-19 tests</li> </ul>
04/15/2020 07:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Palma Smith	<p>North Carolina should</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amend voting rules to give the NC Board of Elections flexibility to respond to emergencies such as: pandemics, natural disasters, armed conflict, etc.</li> <li>2. Make absentee voting easier by making ballots easier to obtain, and open to everyone eligible to vote. An on-line portal should be available to apply for an absentee ballot. Two witnesses during social distancing is unsafe and unrealistic especially for single, older people.</li> <li>3. Make voter registration available on line. (You can now register to vote or update your voter registration address or party affiliation on line via the NC Division of Motor Vehicles if you are a DMV customer.)</li> <li>4. Assume the costs for mailing in an absentee ballot.</li> </ol>
04/15/2020 07:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Larry Whitecar	Follow what science and doctors are telling you. People's lives are worth more than business profits.
04/15/2020 07:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr George Whitecar	Limited reopening after we have peaked is what needs to be done. Right now it sounds like May 1st is too soon.
04/15/2020 07:30 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dianna Pendleton	Please do not put the health and safety of the residents of NC in jeopardy. Do not reopen until minimum standards for testing are met and we are well over the peak to do so early would be an injustice to all of us who have thus far done our part. It is time for you to do your part and protect us with no premature reopening.
04/15/2020 07:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	R. Bevington	Staying home is saving lives. Testing must be available for ANYONE with symptoms before you allow people to go back to work. If this is not done the blood will be on your hands. There is one meat processing plant out west that has 400 employees testing positive for coronavirus. IN ONE PLANT!!!
04/15/2020 07:31 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dru Buesing	Keep the state closed until public health experts say it is safe to open
04/15/2020 07:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	MS Elizabeth Manley	As a masters prepared nurse, I have been dismayed watching basic public health principles being ignored at the outset of this pandemic reaching our shores. That

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		<p>principle, which has worked over and over is to identify carriers, identify their contacts, and isolate them all. This, of course requires a way to identify carriers (Testing) which other counties (Australia, South Korea) did, with the help of tests from WHO.</p> <p>In the absence of this (which still baffles me), the public must, to stay safe, assume that everyone has the virus because we don't know who does. This is why we find ourselves sheltering in place and using masks and distancing from others.</p> <p>We have no other defense against this virus. We can not give in to pressure to reopen prematurely.</p> <p>Where are the tests that are needed to be able to go about this threat in a time honored plan that will work, even this late. If we don't test and isolate before reopening the businesses, we will be spreading the virus. Don't do this! Get that plan in place. This is America! Not a third world country. Get widespread testing going NOW! I don't accept that tests are scarce. If Australia and South Korea can do it, so can we!</p>
04/15/2020 07:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Virus Response Lorri Barrier	<p>I think NC is doing the right thing by keeping us closed. I don't agree with the groups calling to open now. It's extremely short sighted to open just when it appears that measures like social distancing are working. Times are hard for everyone. Focus on getting the unemployment website fixed, and putting measures in place so people do not lose their homes or face huge debt once this is over. The current stop on evictions won't help if people suddenly owe thousands of dollars after being out of work for as long as this takes. Continue to keep the people of NC safe.</p>
04/15/2020 07:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Alyse Whitecar	<p>I am a HS senior. I am not going to feel safe going back to school on May 15th. Graduation ceremonies are not worth the risk.</p>
04/15/2020 07:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Sheryl Reto	<p>I am concerned about the possibility of the state lifting restrictions too early. I would like the state decision makers to listen to the science and only reopen when it is safe to do so.</p> <p>We cannot sacrifice our lives for the economy.</p> <p>Until we have mass testing and a way to ensure safety - we should stay closed.</p>
04/15/2020 07:39 PM	Health Care Working Group	Amy Fischer	<p>Hi. I live in Orange County and my 83 year old mother lives here too in an assisted living facility. Today I learned that two staff members tested positive for Covid-19. As there is a shortage of tests, they will not test my mother or anyone else in the facility. I feel sick to my stomach and totally helpless. Hopefully, no one in the facility will be infected. How are you protecting our seniors in residential care facilities? I simply do not feel that enough was done to protect these vulnerable people. Please do not open the state prematurely. It will put them all at greater risk. Staff goes home at night. You cannot reopen the state if you don't even have enough tests for the vulnerable and a plan to protect them. Thank you.</p>
04/15/2020 07:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Nathan Boniske	<p>We need to listen to the public health experts. Lives are not replaceable. Money can be made. People lives can be rebuilt. The graveyard is permanent. We need to make sure that we do not push to reopen the economy at the cost of collapsing our health care system and letting many people die.</p>
04/15/2020 07:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Nathan Boniske	<p>We need to listen to the public health experts. Lives are not replaceable. Money can be made. People lives can be rebuilt. The graveyard is permanent. We need to make sure that</p>

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04/15/2020 07:43 PM	Health Care Working Group	MS Elizabeth Manley	Please extend Medicaid through the Affordable Care Act. This epidemic has made clear that, if we do not provide healthcare to the poorest of us, the consequences will be as much our own as theirs. here in Moore County, NC, we have an assisted living/rehab facility with an outbreak of Covid 19. In the absence of widespread testing, it flourished in this congregate facility. The workers in these facilities are low paid and, while they may (or may not) have decent health insurance through their employer, many of their family members surely do not. We all shop in the same places for food and pharmacy products, even with the shut down. If folks don't see a doctor or get tested, the virus silently spreads to everyone. Expansion of Medicaid doesn't cost our state. It's federal money. Please take it for all of our sakes!
04/15/2020 07:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathy Alma	To my representatives, I am currently working a reduced shift at a critical supply manufacturer. I am aware I am a fortunate member of your constituency during this difficult time. With that said, I urge you to wait to reopen the State until we have viable detection and isolation plans. These deliverables will minimize the opportunities for spikes in our State's infection rate and keeps our healthcare system from being overburdened. This caution will also positively impact our State's economy by enabling those working to continue to do so safely. Reopening before these safety measures are in place will support fear in the uninfected and further depress our economy.
04/15/2020 07:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	Lisa Rigoni	Keep us all healthy. Do NOT open the state until we have a thoroughly detailed plan and access to testing & fast results. If you can ensure the vast majority us will not get sick by reopening, then do it. If you can't, then don't. I didn't vote you all in to potentially harm/kill me and others.
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04/15/2020 07:50 PM	Education Working Group	Lisa Rigoni	Keep us all healthy. Do NOT open the state until we have a thoroughly detailed plan and access to testing & fast results. If you can ensure the vast majority us will not get sick by reopening, then do it. If you can't, then don't. I didn't vote you all in to potentially harm/kill me and others.
04/15/2020 07:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Margit Elo	I support the continuation of shelter in place guidelines. These guidelines have helped to limit the spread of the Coronavirus at a critical time.
04/15/2020 07:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Ms Nancy O'Connell	Please keep "stay in place" for combatting the virus. Please allow mail in voting if necessary - it is so important that we exercise our right to

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		vote - Mail in is safe.
04/15/2020 07:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rev Eleanor Shell	<p>I understand how this is effecting our economy, but I strongly feel opening up the state too early will have great long-term negative effects. My husband's income is 100% economic dependent, but we are more than willing to take the hit to our pocketbooks in order to keep our state safe.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Eleanor Shell</p>
04/15/2020 07:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Mindy Oshrain	<p>Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered. Mindy Oshrain, M.D.</p>
04/15/2020 08:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Paula Shelton	<p>I support Gov Cooper's plan to strategically reopen NC based on facts and recommendations from our health officials and doctors. We have been able to avoid catastrophic consequences based on social distancing.</p> <p>We need to maintain social distancing and offer wide spread testing prior to relaxing the restrictions.</p>
04/15/2020 08:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Wait	<p>I am in favor of continuing stay at home orders and doing everything possible to improve our unemployment situation. It will cost the state FAR MORE if too many people get sick. Please do not sacrifice our elders, because that is who is at most risk. Thank you.</p>
04/15/2020 08:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Paul Tate	<p>I do not understand the reluctance to expanding Medicaid. In a just society we take care of the disabled and elderly. This rejection by Raleigh majority seems to me to be partisan in nature and not taking care of the citizens. And at this point, makes zero economic sense.</p>
04/15/2020 08:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Joyce McGilvery	<p>please do not open our state up without proper testing and contact follow up. That could be a disaster. We are social distancing and following the rules to live and let our Healthcare workers live.</p>
04/15/2020 08:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Greta Nintzel	<p>Gov. Cooper and his team have shown their understanding of the complexities of this pandemic. He and his associates have consistently stayed ahead of the situation which has resulted in a flattening of the curve in this state. We need to keep physical/social distancing in place for as long as is prudent for the sake of public safety. A reopening of the economy needs to follow Dr. Fauci's and other health experts recommendations. Data showing the effectiveness of Gov. Cooper's actions to keep our health facilities from being inundated/overrun and the overall health of citizens of NC are the only meaningful</p>

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04/15/2020 08:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Derek Flynt	<p>statistics for a long recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic.</p> <p>There are two things people don't get that's allowing this shut down to go on with the support it has. I'm not sure how we overcome them, but somehow people need an education!</p> <p>First, we're all going to be exposed to this virus. Flattening the curve was never about us not getting it. It was about not inundating the hospitals. Clearly we aren't inundating 99% of hospitals since staff is being furloughed.</p> <p>Herd immunity MEANS we all will get it or the vaccine - that's the definition. Many responses to the protest (WRAL, N&amp;O, Twitter, national news) was the typical "you want to kill people," or "I hope you all get the virus". (Honestly, now's the time to get it - hospitals are empty!) They have no idea why they're actually sitting in their houses.</p> <p>Secondly, people see "the economy" as something separate from people. They have no idea how money works. The states can't just print money like the federal government - they only get money from taxes or loans/bonds. Including money to pay for unemployment, which comes out of paychecks, which aren't happening. The economy is PEOPLE, all of us, who make, earn and spend. You can't just start it up where it left off like nothing happened in the interim. You can't shut it down for months at a time, predicting "rolling shutdowns", causing uncertainty, and expect people to spend money, create jobs, and invest. Not gonna happen.</p> <p>This stuff is out there - "flatten the curve" was always defined as slowing the spread for the sake of hospitals. And yet people absolutely DO NOT get it.</p> <p>Death is a tragedy, family member or someone else. However if you objectively look at the numbers of deaths from various causes both state and nationally you will see that COVID is low in comparison but we don't hear about it nor do we shut the country down. Sadly there will be more deaths and yes they will uptick naturally once we begin opening back up, it's the nature of a virus and exposure. But the damage we are doing to the millions of lives and livelihoods that may never recover, will lose their homes, businesses, be unable to put food on the table, care for loved ones and end up with mental illness and/or suicide is unimaginable and also a pandemic of sorts. It must be evaluated. Are those lives any less valuable? There has been a lot of fear with the type of coverage that this has received. It is serious but a big issue was the fact that our hospitals couldn't handle a large influx of patients at the same time which is important. But we have to look at the situation as a whole and not get caught up in the fear that so many people are dying, when in actuality the numbers don't indicate that.</p>
04/15/2020 08:22 PM	Education Working Group	Stay Home Amanda Gordon	<p>We should not be in a hurry to lift the stay-at-home orders. We want this to end, not flare up. We may need to quarantine for all of May and possibly reevaluate after that. When the order is lifted, it should be slowly and not all at once.</p>
04/15/2020 08:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Diana Pittman	<p>We need the stay at home order extended...as less until June if not longer. We are doing what we are suppose to but if you open we will be flooded with tourist and right now we dont need that. We are so far healthy and want to stay that way. Please keep this order in place.</p>

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04/15/2020 08:29 PM	Group Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Thank you for keeping North Carolinians safe during this pandemic. I support stay at home orders ....
04/15/2020 08:29 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr John Tarleton	Personally think the decision should be left in the hands of the medical experts. If we proceed prior to a time they feel comfortable, I am certain we will see a resurgence of the spread of COVID-19. I would think, should you go ahead with a premature economic opening, there should be concern with your political future. The safe way for you and us is to rely on the professionals. At least try to keep this from becoming a political issue and make it an issue of keeping North Carolinians healthy and safe.
04/15/2020 08:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cheryl Fulton	We need to continue keeping our state closed for the foreseeable future. We've made great strides in limited the curve and to lift the "Stay At Home" order now would greatly increase the chances for increased transmission of the virus. My neighbor died of this disease...the only one in Brunswick County-so far. Please don't make this a "republican" or a "democrat" thing. Make it a human thing and follow the Governor's orders. He has our best interest at heart. This republican general assembly has proven they do not.
04/15/2020 08:37 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Laurie Fox	<p>The Washington Post dated 4/13/2020 reported that due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. Based on the experience from Covid-19, we are requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model. This model would make available a continuum of learning opportunities and services for students regardless of location, and socio-economic status, as part of NC's disaster preparation. With the possibility that occurrences like the COVID 19 can occur again, wouldn't it make sense to develop and implement a system for all schools to use that would provide a continuation of education and related services for students, should the need arise? Continuity of education and related services for students should be a priority, as these young people are our future.</p> <p>Right now, as in many cities and communities throughout the US, not every child has access to a computer and / or the internet at home to be able to access distance-learning education. This needs to change, and can be by creating partnerships between the school system(s) and telecommunication. For example, MCPS in Maryland and FCPS in Virginia, school systems are partnering with telecommunication companies (Verizon, AT &amp;T, etc...) to provide basic internet access in student homes that have no internet. School systems are loaning chromebooks (Acer computers) that are signed out to each student to be used during this remote distance learning period. The New York Times, and other businesses are offering support, access, and monies to communities that need help in setting up these distance-learning systems. MCPS and FCPS have been very creative in developing / presenting online curriculum using different programs and platforms, some of which include, but are not limited to Google Classroom, Zoom, MY MCPSPortal (MCPS), Blackboard, etc.. Challenging times call for creativity, resourcefulness, and partnering to set up programs by which ALL students from pre-K through grade 12, have the opportunity to learn – albeit in a nontraditional way. By ensuring every student has these basic</p>

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04/15/2020 08:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Juliet Flores	<p>NC should allow mail in and online voting during this extraordinary time, i.e. pandemic. We should not have to choose between our health and well being and our civic duty and desire to have our representatives and voting count.</p>
04/15/2020 08:40 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Laurie Fox	<p>Dear Chairman Moore,</p> <p>The Washington Post dated 4/13/2020 reported that due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. Based on the experience from Covid-19, we are requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model. This model would make available a continuum of learning opportunities and services for students regardless of location, and socio-economic status, as part of NC’s disaster preparation. With the possibility that occurrences like the COVID 19 can occur again, wouldn’t it make sense to develop and implement a system for all schools to use that would provide a continuation of education and related services for students, should the need arise? Continuity of education and related services for students should be a priority, as these young people are our future.</p> <p>Right now, as in many cities and communities throughout the US, not every child has access to a computer and / or the internet at home to be able to access distance-learning education. This needs to change, and can be by creating partnerships between the school system(s) and telecommunication. For example, MCPS in Maryland and FCPS in Virginia, school systems are partnering with telecommunication companies (Verizon, AT &amp;T, etc...) to provide basic internet access in student homes that have no internet. School systems are loaning chromebooks (Acer computers) that are signed out to each student to be used during this remote distance learning period. The New York Times, and other businesses are offering support, access, and monies to communities that need help in setting up these distance-learning systems. MCPS and FCPS have been very creative in developing / presenting online curriculum using different programs and platforms, some of which include, but are not limited to Google Classroom, Zoom, MY MCPSPortal (MCPS), Blackboard, etc.. Challenging times call for creativity, resourcefulness, and partnering to set up programs by which ALL students from pre-K through grade 12, have the opportunity to learn – albeit in a nontraditional way. By ensuring every student has these basic technological tools, it also ensures every family is connected to school and resources. This needs to be implemented before the next disaster pandemic – as soon as possible.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Sincerely, Laurie Fox , PA, MPH</p>

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04/15/2020 08:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Steven Papmer	It is far too soon to end social distancing measures and stay home orders. We need to wait until we are far past the peak of cases, by at least two weeks, before we think about ending these measures. If not, we risk far more deaths from renewed Coronavirus spread. We need to greatly increase our stockpiles of PPE and ventilators around the state so that we can accommodate any resurgence.
04/15/2020 08:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ron Ogle	<p>We are setting ourselves up for a cycle of partial lockdown for weeks, followed by a lift, then a lock down again when the spread picks up – over and over again, for the better part of the year, at best. In the process, we will lose millions of lives, as well as our economies. If we take a hit of some percentage loss in the world GDP by locking down the entire world synchronously, we could save millions of lives. Or we do nothing and millions get killed with a loss in GDP anyway.</p> <p>The reality is that we will lose lives as well as the economy – just because we didn't bother to understand the math.</p> <p>We have a choice to make: do we want to throw money at the problem, or throw bodies at the problem?</p>
04/15/2020 08:53 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Sandra Ricci	<p>Chairman Tim Moore, Covid-19 Committee, Attn: Covid-19 Education Subcommittee, NCGA</p> <p>Dear Chairman Moore</p> <p>The Washington Post dated 4/13/2020 reported that due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. Based on the experience from Covid-19, we are requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model. This model would make available a continuum of learning opportunities and services for students regardless of location, and socio-economic status, as part of NC's disaster preparation. With the possibility that occurrences like the COVID 19 can occur again, wouldn't it make sense to develop and implement a system for all schools to use that would provide a continuation of education and related services for students, should the need arise? Continuity of education and related services for students should be a priority, as these young people are our future.</p> <p>Right now, as in many cities and communities throughout the US, not every child has access to a computer and / or the internet at home to be able to access distance-learning education. This needs to change, and can be by creating partnerships between the school system(s) and telecommunication companies. For example, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in Maryland and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) in Virginia, school systems are partnering with telecommunication companies such as Verizon, and AT &amp;T, to provide basic internet access in student homes that have no internet. School systems are loaning chromebooks (Acer computers) that are signed out to each student to be used during this remote distance learning period.</p> <p>The New York Times, and other businesses are offering support, access, and monies to communities that need help in setting up these distance-learning systems. MCPS and FCPS have been very creative in developing / presenting online curriculum using different programs and platforms, some of which include, but are not limited to Google Classroom,</p>

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04/15/2020 08:53 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. David Norris	<p>In Late January CDC posted information detailing the people (small group) at moderate-to-high risk for severe (hospitalizations) and/or critical (intensive care) symptoms from Covid-19 infections. At the center of this and making up a large percentage of hospitalizations and deaths are nursing &amp; convalescence center patients and Sr. Adults on life supporting/extending treatments (oxygen/drugs/constant care). Fortunately in NC many of these centers and people began isolating themselves in late February-early March before the governor and locally leaders (ineffectively? ) began closing schools and wrecking the economy. This voluntary (and unrecognized and unsupported) effort undoubtedly has more to do with NC's low hospitalization rates and low mortality rates than any closing of schools and businesses full of people for which the virus is a substantially lower risk than automobile accidents, suicides, etc. Now that we have benefited from these voluntary efforts, performed with no support from local or state governments , we are starting to see failures at the nursing and convalescence centers - which already count for a large percentage of our Covid-19 hospitalization/deaths- . Is there going to be any effort to support and help protect these institutions and individuals and really clamp down on the impact of the virus; or will we continue to focus on people with little to no risk. Note I will add that since original report CDC has updated adding HIV/ AIDS, Asthma, and morbid obesity (diabetes) to the list. But still a very small population easy to identify/warn.</p>
04/15/2020 08:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Carol Falender	<p>Now more than ever, we are reminded why we need ALL people to have access/ insurance to health care. It protects them, their families and ME. Expand Medicaid to protect and care for every North Carolinian. We will ALL Thank you!</p>
04/15/2020 09:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Anna Helvie	<p>I don't know to which working group I should address this. I am writing to let NC representatives know that I think it would be a grave mistake to "reopen" the state for business at this point. I think we need rapid-results testing of either coronavirus positivity/ negativity, or coronavirus antibodies, before we can send people back to work. I know a lot of counties don't have a lot of cases right now; I live in Craven, where we are at about 30 cases. But ours is a good example: we are very tourist-heavy, so people from Raleigh, Charlotte, and other states will come here and bring more of the virus. Seeing the small businesses and restaurants closed breaks my heart. But we have to minimize serious illness and death. Thank you.</p>
04/15/2020 09:10 PM	Health Care Working	rev. louisa dyer	<p>we must maintain physical distancing until at least the first wave of this virus has passed,</p>

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	Group		probably the 2nd wave as well unless we want a third. The fools fighting it are endangering everyone!
04/15/2020 09:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Kathy Luckhaus	I fully agree with Governor Coopers plan to reopen. He has a well thought out process in mind. If this process is driven by politics, I and many others I know will not participate until we feel the situation is safe. I've had enough of the mishandling in DC. It is a disgrace that our country is so ill prepared for this.
04/15/2020 09:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Angie Collins	We all want this to be over. Nobody wants to die because some trump supporters decided to get pushy. It's selfish and politically motivated. Drs and scientists should not be ignored just because trump wants to claim false victory. He has turned this into a partisan issue and once again fed lies and bullshit to his supporters.
04/15/2020 09:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Regina Burns	To Whom it May Concern, Please do NOT open NC until the scientific epidemic data are thoroughly reviewed and assessed. To open too soon could be deadly. Please do not let the uneducated noise from the outside make this decision for you. When the states starts to open for business MUST be based on science not emotion! Thank-you. I am a nurse and on the frontlines - DO NOT MESS WITH COVID IT WILL WIN!
04/15/2020 09:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	Sandra Hegler	+ Sufficient PPE for all health care workers + Stay the course with Gov. Cooper's stay at home order + Continue to fight for Medicaid expansion in NC + Unemployment claims processing access or issues + Support for all first responders + Continue to push to end the rationing of COVID-19 tests
04/15/2020 09:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	MME Linda Hileman	Please DO NOT reopen NC too soon!! Protect our NC elderly, families, healthcare workers! We cannot reopen until we can TEST.
04/15/2020 09:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Matthew Spirko	The legislature MUST over ride the governor's stay at home order and get businesses open and people back to work. Where will NC get the tax dollars to balance the budget without this happening? NC is blessed by not having many cases nor deaths. Tragis though they may be, having North Carolinians starve and go bankrupt will be far worse. During the Great Depression 7 million people died of starvation in the USA alone. Get NC open for the good of the state and the country.
04/15/2020 09:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Maggie Infield	We need to reopen N.C. now before there's no coming back from this financial disaster!
04/15/2020 09:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Irene Rusnak	Stay at home orders need to be kept in place as long as necessary to protect public health. We protect our economy by first protecting our people.
04/15/2020 09:48 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr Irene Rusnak	All North Carolinians need to be able to exercise their right to vote without risking their lives. I would like to see every voter receive a mail in ballot.
04/15/2020 09:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Ms Rebecca Fox	Please permanently institute no excuse mail in voting!

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/15/2020 09:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharron Fieber	<p>I work in Hospitality, and it is critical that businesses that deal with visitors from other areas and states remain closed until the threat of COVID-19 is passed. To open early, just because Trump wishes it so, is irresponsible in the extreme. Opening too soon puts the public as well as the employees at unnecessary risk. By accommodating guests from other, more infected areas, we make it possible for the virus to spread. The economy will survive, but some in our community may not. Please don't be pressured by special interests lobbying for early re-opening of the area to put the people that live and work here at risk. You represent us, not them.</p>
04/15/2020 09:57 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ashleigh Anderson	<p>Please continue to the Governors stay at home orders until there is sufficient testing done across the state.</p>
04/15/2020 10:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Linda Poss	<p>Many of NC's uninsured are working on the front lines of COVID-19 – in places like child care, food service, and nursing homes. It's time to expand Medicaid so they can obtain health insurance.</p>
04/15/2020 10:08 PM	Health Care Working Group	Jeff Flake	<p>I would like to know what our current testing capabilities are throughout the state, county by county, for possible positive covid and also for antibodies post recovery. That is what determines when it is safe to begin reopening. If we don't have the ability to immediately test then we don't open. What is our strategy AND current capability for identifying and isolating entire groups of exposed people immediately?</p>
04/15/2020 10:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Karen Kluttz	<p>NC has been doing a great job keeping the infection rate slow to avoid unnecessary death, depletion of resources and medical care. Rushing to "reopen" the state will undo much of this good. Please resist the urge - or the Free Money that the Reopen crowd is offering. It is not a good idea</p> <p>Sincerely, Karen Kluttz</p>
04/15/2020 10:11 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Lucinda MacKethan	<p>Do NOT open all businesses without adequate safeguards. Expand health insurance through Medicaid expansion. See the Need!!</p>
04/15/2020 10:13 PM	Health Care Working Group		<p>Healthcare should not be dependent upon employment! Please cover the uninsured in our state by expanding Medicaid.</p>
04/15/2020 10:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr Jessica McCann	<p>I strongly support the expansion of voting by mail in North Carolina. As an infectious disease microbiologist trained at UNC- Chapel Hill , it is obvious to me that until widespread SARS-CoV2/COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and isolation measures are put in place, there will be no safe way for large numbers of people to vote on election day. Mail in voting is safe and easy! Thank you for your service!</p>
04/15/2020 10:14 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Janice Coverdale	<p>MEDICAID EXPANSION is an essential tool for fighting the Coronavirus Pandemic. NO patient should be turned away who is not insured. No one should go into debt to receive medical care. Working young adults and families are the most at risk, and would benefit the most from MEDICAID EXPANSION. Identification, isolation &amp; treatment are the tools</p>

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			we have to protect all of us. Expansion of Medication is a crucial part of control of the spread of this virus. With so many out of work, there is more need than ever to address this omission NOW.
04/15/2020 10:16 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Little Shuford	I am an essential healthcare worker. It is imperative that an adequate supply of PPE be maintained for all healthcare staff and that testing for Covid-19 be expanded in order to win the fight against the spread of Covid 19. We need to stay the course with social distancing and stay at home. There will be a second wave of Covid 19 infections if the economy is reopened too soon.
04/15/2020 10:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keri Van Fleteren	We need to keep stay at home orders in place until widespread testing can assure us of some degree of safety to congregate. If people are sick, they're not working or supporting businesses. Keep us safe!
04/15/2020 10:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Keri Van Fleteren	Mail-in voting as a viable option is long overdue. It is safe, and may be necessary for the election in November. We need to get ready now. All voters should have a fair and equitable opportunity to cast a ballot, and providing mail-in options allows those with limitations to more easily exercise their rights.
04/15/2020 10:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Jessica Guptill	I support the continued enforcement of the shelter in place order for as long as necessary to reduce deaths in North Carolina.
04/15/2020 10:28 PM	Health Care Working Group	Extend the closures! Robin Fowler	We must not only remain under orders through 4/30, we must extend the orders if data warrant it!
04/15/2020 10:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Mindy Oshrain	North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured. The NCBE should move immediately to make this happen. Mindy Oshrain, M.D.
04/15/2020 10:34 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Mindy Oshrain	The NCGA must expand Medicaid immediately. COVID19 is a risk to all North Carolinians. By withholding health insurance from 600,000 of our citizens, the NCGA endangers all of our lives. Without access to health care, risk of C19 infection increases, those infected can in turn infect others. If our health care system is overwhelmed by C19 patients, all will suffer, including those having heart attacks, strokes or other emergencies, if the ICUs are filled with C19 patients. It is shortsighted and ignorant, not to mention inhumane, to withhold health care from more than half a million citizens of this state.
04/15/2020 10:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Dixie Robinson	Please listen to the medical professionals before lifting the stay at home orders. We are all suffering economically but returning to work and crowds too soon will only be a disaster. I am in a high risk category and pray that we will continue to support each other in ways that keep this virus from bringing more illness and death. Money is never more important than a human life.
04/15/2020 10:46 PM	Health Care Working Group	Gail Chesson	Please keep the stay at home order in place for now and perhaps even in May. Slow reopening is better than a rise in numbers if infected people.

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04/15/2020 10:46 PM	Health Care Working Group	Lea Ray	I am writing to request that the House vote to expand Medicaid in North Carolina. I work with many low-income families in which the parents are uninsured and do not have reliable access to health care. I have seen these parents suffer needlessly from treatable health conditions. Many of them are not aware of their options for treatment should they become ill with Covid-19. I know that expanding Medicaid would protect these parents and therefore protect the whole community from spreading the infection further.
04/15/2020 10:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kathryn Clarke	Please, please use data-driven research in reopening our state. If we reopen too quickly, we risk a resurgence in Covid-19, which would cause us to have to fully shut down again with even greater economic woe. We need broad scale testing and contact tracing before we reopen, and if antibody testing is a reliable way to get more data quickly, let's go all in! We can keep people safe and get people back to work if we do this the right way. I believe in NC!! Until then, please, please support our most vulnerable!
04/15/2020 10:51 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Robin Raimey	We need tests. I'm a single mother of 3 and I need to know that I'm sending my children, and myself, back into a safe environment. Without tests we can't define that space.
04/15/2020 10:52 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mother of disabled child Nadiah Porter	I am writing to ask that our state continue to uphold strict stay at home policy for the safety of our children--beyond the spike/peak of the virus--and until there is an FDA approved cure/medical prevention method firmly in place.
04/15/2020 11:04 PM	Health Care Working Group	Sandra Matza	RN working Covid unit small eastern NC hospital. Why would you decide to stop doing what is working in the middle of it working??? Is it going to good? Not enough deaths for the bloodthirsty economy or selfish folks sitting home with cable, internet, food and a govt check?? Are we really so weak as a country we cant wait a few more weeks? I saw a 40 something person gasping for breath, no family can visit, scared. Community spread. No idea how they contracted it. Our unit is filling up. Now is not the time to open the floodgates
04/15/2020 11:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kim Rose	The General Assembly needs to present legislation to expand mail in voting to ensure fair participation in our elections for all North Carolinians.
04/15/2020 11:15 PM	Health Care Working Group	Karin Noland	It's critical that we not reopen our economy too early. Please listen to reputable scientists and not to astroturf protestors. You owe it to all of the citizens of our state to do what's best and safest for us, not just what's politically expedient. Thank you for all of the efforts you have supported to minimize the spread of Covid-19, please keep them up and don't stop them too early.
04/15/2020 11:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Theodore Fetter	Governor Cooper and others are making the right decision to issue a shelter in place order. I feel much safer knowing that my fellow North Carolinians are staying home whenever possible, and taking social distancing seriously always. Today I went shopping for something other than groceries (home improvement stuff, specifically) for the first time in a month - not coincidentally, I waited until after the newest restrictions were in place. Really well done, and I want you to continue to provide quantitative, measurable distancing measures for retailers and other businesses. Thank you for taking this seriously, and for following guidelines based on data, evidence, and epidemiological models for when it's

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			safe to reopen elements of the state's economy.
04/15/2020 11:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Annette Tenny	Now is not the time to relax "stay at home" mitigation. Due to the inadequate amount of testing being done in NC, especially in rural areas, we have no idea to what extent people may be positive. More testing, more contact tracing is a must before any serious discussion can occur.
04/15/2020 11:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Rebecca Lem	I just attended my relative's funeral on Facebook Live. He died alone, and probably terrified, in a hospital from COVID-19. I understand the need for people to have income but money won't be helpful if they are dead, and it's not fair to put the public at risk. We need to ramp up testing and tracing, and quickly get economic relief to those who need it - NOT endanger our lives and the lives of others by rushing to reopen prematurely. Sickness and death are expensive too. We need to protect each other.
04/15/2020 11:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Greg Balk	Respectfully ... our State needs to get back to work!
04/15/2020 11:57 PM	Education Working Group	Jennifer	I know people are hurting financially right now, but going backwards and reintegrating or opening schools and businesses too soon would be dangerous and shortsighted, I hope no changes will be made before ensuring we have: + Sufficient PPE for all health care workers +Sufficient testing for the state that isn't rationed and would give accurate number.  Please, + Stay the course with Gov. Cooper's stay at home order + Continue to fight for Medicaid expansion in NC + Unemployment claims processing access or issues are handled in a timely manner + Support for all first responders
04/16/2020 12:05 AM	Health Care Working Group	LINDA BELANS	Thank you so much Governor Cooper for doing your sworn duty to protect North Carolinians with your stay-at-home order. My children and grandchildren depend on me to help them live their lives; we need to take the long view on this very challenging time . Please continue to make your decisions based on scientific research. Otherwise, thousands of us will die. There is already enough loss and grief in the world.
04/16/2020 12:20 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Miss Laura Lassiter	Please reopen North Carolina ASAP! This is taking a toll on our economy and our mental health! Also it's a direct violation of the US CONSTITUTION. Please reopen immediately and override any order to extend the stay at home order. Thanks so much
04/16/2020 12:24 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Judy Stiller	Please continue to support the stay-at-home order. I encourage you to consider the advice of our scientific and medical community, and not that of the ignorant and easily manipulated among us.
04/16/2020 12:28 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay at Home William Fenner	I support extending the shelter in place/ stay at home protocols as long as deemed needed by the medical professionals!!
04/16/2020 12:42 AM	Health Care Working	Ms. Angela Sanderson	Please do not listen to the irresponsible antics of a small group of vocal idiots. Staying

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04/16/2020 12:44 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Diane Tyndall	<p data-bbox="972 144 2083 302">As a kidney recipient who is 10 years post-transplant, I appreciate social distancing and being able to order from local restaurants and other businesses with minimal contact. I am able to complete this semester as an instructor virtually with my classes, and our neighborhood affords us the ability to keep plenty of space between us as we walk, bike, and jog.</p> <p data-bbox="972 334 2083 456">I realize there are many in the state who are in much denser population situations than I, and I believe they too should be protected. Until we can assure individuals that their resumption of economic activity will not put others at risk, please follow Official Health Guidelines for stay at home decisions!</p> <p data-bbox="972 488 1115 521">Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 12:51 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Kristin McCora	Please end the shutdown. End the tyranny. Open up our state. We want our freedom back!!
04/16/2020 01:00 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	REQUEST FOR COMMENTS Peter Willcox	I am concerned there will be a premature push to get back to normal. I understand people's worries but it needs to be clearly stated that we will see the same exponential growth we saw when it started if we stop protective measures too soon. Just this week my boss told everyone that "we passed the peak" just as it was being announced that the peak prediction was moved to June (a good thing) in our aria. Our company also recently got granted an exemption from the stay at home order even though we have been working from home for three weeks. I am concerned for my family, my loved ones, myself, and my coworkers. Ideally when this is all over people will think we over reacted and the people in charge will at worst be unsung heroes. Because otherwise they will be public fools with blood on their hands.
04/16/2020 01:02 AM	Health Care Working Group	MH Freeman	NC MUST Continue To Stay At Home. It is critical for North Carolina continue to maintain stay-at-home procedures until statistically safer for the general population to emerge under a planned re-entry program to safely manage the future spread of the virus. Staying home through this pandemic is extraordinarily difficult, painful, and financially punishing, but essential to the overall health and well being of our community and the stability of our healthcare system. With proper management and planning we can re-open our state with a higher degree of safety for all.
04/16/2020 01:03 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Barbara Still	Please expand Medicaid. The great north state deserve better from our legislatures!
04/16/2020 01:04 AM	Health Care Working Group	Lara Ellis	Thank you for continuing to protect the public health and keeping the current stay-at-home orders in place (curfews really should be put in to place), because without the public's health, there is no economy.
04/16/2020 01:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lara Ellis	Thank you for continuing to protect the public health and keeping the current stay-at-home orders in place (curfews really should be mandated), because without the public's health, there is no economy.
04/16/2020 01:07 AM	Health Care Working	Dr Barbara Still	Stay home and defeat this virus. We listen to medical providers and not billionaires.

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04/16/2020 01:43 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Pat Dareneau	I implore you to continue the quarantine until scientists and medical experts say it's safe. Do not reinforce the politically funded Open Uppers they maintain that a few deaths are a small price in exchange for returning Americans to "work."
04/16/2020 01:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Stay home N.C.! Without healthy people, there is no economy!
04/16/2020 01:53 AM	Health Care Working Group		Expand Medicaid! The working poor keep America going. They deserve healthcare!
04/16/2020 02:00 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Lisa Gann	People with immune deficits should be encouraged to self quarantine. People should be responsible for their own safety. Be it from home invasion or a virus. Ultimate responsibility lies with the individual. Don't infringe on others rights.
04/16/2020 03:10 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Uma Parmar	I want to thank you all personally for your excellent management of the COVID 19 crisis. Due to your decisive actions, projections were far better than initially expected. Those who oppose are failing/not caring that they reason everything looks good is because of your decisive actions
04/16/2020 03:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Amy Woodsong	I would like to make my suggestion for our economy in light of Covid-19. To me, it is important that we remain at home, following the current guidelines, and maybe even stricter ones, as long as necessary in order to flatten the curve and save lives. Too many people have died already and going back to "normal" too soon seems like a big mistake. We have been in our homes for 30 days already and ai would hate for it to have all been for nothing but opening back up prematurely. Our economy may be suffering at the moment, but dead people don't stimulate an economy either. We can regrow the economy with healthy safe people once this has either subsided or we get a better handle on it. So please don't reopen NC too early just because of bunch of people are flooding the comments asking you too. Life is too precious to be bullied. Thanks!
04/16/2020 03:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Melissa Hill	I am very concerned about groups such as Reopen NC pushing to reopen nonessential businesses before it is safe to do so. While I certainly want people to be able to get back to work and reopen their businesses, I worry about them endangering many people due to their cavalier attitude toward public health. I implore you to listen to doctors, epidemiologists, and other real experts and follow their recommendations for reopening NC businesses and institutions in a safe manner. This is not a partisan issue. Please don't allow the loud voices of the minority drown out the quieter majority of us with common sense and good judgment. The economy can rebuild and recover – it always has. Lives lost cannot be recovered. Please don't succumb to the pressure of people who don't understand this.
04/16/2020 03:56 AM	Education Working Group	Ms. Karen Mallam	The Washington Post dated 4/13/2020 reported that due to Covid-19, millions of students will suffer from school closures. Based on the experience from Covid-19, we are requesting that the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students by funding a supportive technology infrastructure for schools and students to develop a remote Distance – Learning Model. This model would make available a continuum of learning opportunities

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			<p>and services for students regardless of location, and socio-economic status, as part of NC's disaster preparation. With the possibility that occurrences like the COVID 19 can occur again, wouldn't it make sense to develop and implement a system for all schools to use that would provide a continuation of education and related services for students, should the need arise? Continuity of education and related services for students should be a priority, as these young people are our future.</p> <p>Right now, as in many cities and communities throughout the US, not every child has access to a computer and / or the internet at home to be able to access distance-learning education. This needs to change, and can be by creating partnerships between the school system(s) and telecommunication companies. For example, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in Maryland and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) in Virginia, are partnering with telecommunication companies such as Verizon, and AT &amp;T, to provide basic internet access in student homes that have no internet. School systems are loaning chromebooks (Acer computers) that are signed out to each student to be used during this remote distance learning period.</p> <p>The New York Times, and other businesses are offering support, access, and monies to communities that need help in setting up these distance-learning systems. MCPS and FCPS have been very creative in developing / presenting online curriculum using different programs and platforms, some of which include, but are not limited to Google Classroom, Zoom, MY MCPS Portal (MCPS), Blackboard.</p> <p>Challenging times call for creativity, resourcefulness, and partnering to set up programs by which ALL students from pre-K through grade 12, have the opportunity to learn – albeit in a nontraditional way. By ensuring every student has these basic technological tools, it also ensures every family is connected to school and resources. This needs to be implemented before the next disaster pandemic – as soon as possible.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p>
04/16/2020 04:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Jean Bakowycz	<p>Speaking as a registered nurse with years of experience in critical ICU care and infectious disease control in community health, it's imperative that you not "Reopen NC". We are in the midst of a public health emergency in the form of a pandemic. Unfortunately, there are some uninformed or selfish people who are flagrantly dismissive of the seriousness of this crisis in the mistaken belief their civil liberties supersede the threat to public health. The Constitution does not give anyone the "right" to endanger the health of others in the midst of a fatal pandemic. Much like our right to Freedom of Speech does not allow someone to falsely yell "fire" in a crowded theater. Our leadership should defer to the guidance of medical experts, virologists and epidemiologists as well as our frontline healthcare providers: that mitigation should be the utmost priority. To think otherwise is like playing Russian roulette. SARS-CoV-2 is unprecedented. Many patients arrive in the ER walking and talking, only to end up being intubated on a ventilator 12 hours later. Many had little to no symptoms prior. The flu affects a population in staggered fashion over months. This is NOT the flu. There is no comparison. I urge you to listen to the scientists who have the knowledge and expertise to advise on rational decision-making. Look to the success evidenced in states like CA, WA and now NY. Support Governor Cooper's efforts.</p>

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			Thousands of lives will be saved, possibly your own or your loved ones.
04/16/2020 05:44 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Melissa Jobes	I feel like we need to stay shut down longer. Reopening now, would be like not finishing your antibiotics when you're sick. Always a bad idea. I hate this shut down as much as the next person, but if we have any chance of getting ahead of this we have to.
04/16/2020 05:51 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Adam Loflin	OPEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA BACK UP!!!!!!!
04/16/2020 06:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine Tobin	I am a resident of Durham County, and I support lifting restrictions that have been imposed under the governor's stay at home order on April 30,2020. These restrictions have damaged our economy and hurt our small businesses. We have not seen a number of Covid-19 cases that would warrant such extreme measures to continue. The vulnerable can be isolated or protected in other ways without sacrificing our entire state's economy and many people's mental, therefore physical well being. We need to accept a measure of risk in order to get back to work and get our economy and lives moving toward repair. We must balance the needs of every citizen and recognize that the stay at home order has served it's purpose and it's time to move on while taking reasonable precautions. Thank you, Christine Tobin Durham
04/16/2020 06:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Farley	While I understand the economic strain being put on businesses, nonprofits, and local governments, there will be more strain if reopening is not based in science. I implore you to base any decisions about reopening on the research done by UNC's experts, who are considered the most knowledgeable about this virus. Reopening and creating a wave would overwhelm the most economically disadvantaged places in NC, which do not have access to adequate healthcare.
04/16/2020 06:13 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Sherry Jones	As a North Carolina resident, I am writing to voice my support for the continuation of Sheltering in Place to help mitigate the effects of the Covid-19 virus. The current system is apparently working well. Please do not sacrifice the long term health of our citizens for a short term economic bump. That is what would likely happen if the state goes back to business as usual or partial business as usual. Japan has already had this happen in recent days. Be smart and strong for North Carolina regardless of pressures from Washington D.C. God bless you and keep you and your families well.
04/16/2020 06:15 AM	Education Working Group	Gwendolyn Sullivan	As a high school English teacher, I can testify to the fact that we need to be very cautious about how we proceed with re-opening schools. 10th graders are not much better than 10-year-olds at practicing proper cleanliness (hand washing, covering sneezes and coughs, etc.). Putting 20, 25, 30, 35 students together in classrooms upon our return would mean creating great big petri dishes for this virus to thrive and spreading of the virus and therefore the disease like wildfire again. Whenever we re-open schools, it needs to be a gradual process, like an A-day B-day in-person model (half of the kids do in-person classes

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			on A-days, the other half on B-days) with continued online learning in place. Also, the school day needs to be short to allow teachers time to plan and facilitate the online learning--a very important piece of the puzzle.
04/16/2020 06:26 AM	Education Working Group	Barbara Anderson	Please listen to the medical experts and roll out a phased in reopening with testing, testing testing. The restrictions have kept NC from being another New York state.
04/16/2020 06:30 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Laurie Sugg	Extend the stay at home order as long as needed to protect public safety!
04/16/2020 06:36 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Linda Edgerton	Keep everything closed for the sake of our health. Keep social distances in place.
04/16/2020 06:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katie Hoffman	PLEASE reopen North Carolina! We can isolate our most vulnerable and get the economy moving again.
04/16/2020 06:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Judith Kincaid	I'm scared that our state will open everything back up before it is safe. Unless we have testing for everyone and a vaccine it would result in lots more deaths. Staying at home is hard but life saving.
04/16/2020 06:53 AM	Health Care Working Group	Amanda Finlon	Please continue the Stay At Home order to protect our healthcare infrastructure. Our providers are still struggling with limited access to PPE.
04/16/2020 06:54 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Judith Kincaid	We need to put in place absentee voting that is super easy and free for all of us. We should not have to choose between our democracy and our health.
04/16/2020 06:56 AM	Health Care Working Group	Judith Kincaid	We need Medicaid expansion in N.C. Nobody in this pandemic should be without health care.
04/16/2020 07:04 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Margaret Williams	We don't have anywhere near enough data from testing to reopen our state. In fact, it would be extremely dangerous to do so with out knowing who all has the virus, who is sick, who hasn't had the virus, who is asymptomatic. Otherwise we are flying in the dark. Why not do everything we can to get PPE for our medical professionals to test and the two types of test going on a wide scale. Until that happens we need to stay home, as hard as it is to do. NC could help by making it easier for no traditional workers and immigrants to get unemployment.
04/16/2020 07:07 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rob Tapp	I moved to Pender County three years ago. I've been coming to Surf City for 40 years. We all know there's a large population of New York and New Jersey folks that come to Surf City topsail Island for vacation. If we don't keep the stay at home and affect the folks from the northeast area are going to come down here and have us all infected by mid June. I just hope we're ready for it

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04/16/2020 07:08 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Please follow the advice of scientists and not right wing crackpots. Do not open North Carolina parks, businesses, and public spaces until there is a safe plan to do so. I suggest that this plan include the requirement for public facing employees to wear masks and gloves and operate behind sneeze shields.
04/16/2020 07:12 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Obviously, expanded mail-in voting is needed during a pandemic. It should also be continued after the pandemic to ease access to voting for those who find it difficult to go to the polls, including elderly seniors, young workers, and those living out-of-state. Also, to support this effort the USPS should be supported, to whatever extent we can.
04/16/2020 07:14 AM	Health Care Working Group		Medicaid and Medicare should be expanded as much as possible. Why on earth would anyone oppose this? Obviously, people's health should be maintained and improved whenever possible. If there are available federal money and programs in place that NC is not implementing, why not?
04/16/2020 07:32 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Kathleen Malley	Our right to safe elections is paramount and the virus is set to return in the fall and could be worse than this time around. Please do all you can to provide more mail-in voting options. No one should have to choose between their right to vote and their health.  Thank you
04/16/2020 07:33 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	SSG (RET) Donald Day	I strongly recommend that the following be enacted. 1) Expression of the State's Gratitude to all first responders and medical personnel for their sacrifices and hard work containing the Covid-19 virus 2) Regarding Public Safety, and the economic impact that the restriction, imposed without the consent of the legislature, be lifted with regards to employment state wide with the possible exception of heavily infected areas. 3) Regarding elections....DO NOT CHANGE CURRENT ELECTION LAWS OR RULES. Social distancing and precautions can be taken to alleviate risk of infection IF the virus is still active in November.
04/16/2020 07:53 AM	Health Care Working Group	Greta Nintzel	It's time to expand medicaid in North Carolina. People are in need without jobs. Now that state residents have lost their jobs, they need healthcare coverage to support them through this pandemic. Now is the time. Expand medicaid for the citizens of North Carolina!
04/16/2020 08:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Steven Noga	People Over Profits. The safety of ALL citizens should be the first and foremost in the decision making process to reopening our state.  We need to preserve our ability vote as well. If we can securely file taxes online, we can securely vote online as well.
04/16/2020 08:17 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan Hulbert	Determine if a positive antibody test for COVID imparts immunity; and for how long. If yes, then allow those folks to go to work, go to school, go out in public. Until that time, continue exec order to practice physical distancing, masking, shields in retail, spacing in retail, I am a proponent of GRADUALLY allowing business to open if they can accommodate the behavior restriction and requirements. This virus is not going away--- it will be with us until we reach herd immunity (70-90%) or vaccine is available. Life is not likely to be completely "normal" again until a vaccine can be developed and widely distributed.

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04/16/2020 08:20 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan Hulbert	Allow mail in voting, and early voting. Voters and Election officials must comply with Exec Orders.
04/16/2020 08:21 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Helen Wolfson	It is clear as of mid-April that Governor Cooper's measures—based on the advice of epidemiologists, physicians, and researchers— have helped flatten the curve of the COVID-19 epidemic in North Carolina. However, just because these measures are helping the situation does not mean that we can suddenly return to the pre-epidemic normal. Reopening North Carolina must be done gradually and should, like the shutdown measures, be based on the advice of public health experts. Before we can “reopen” the economy, we must be able to diagnose, track, and isolate cases of COVID-19. We should also have reliable antibody testing so that we can determine how widespread the disease is. Reopening too quickly without ensuring that we can prevent a spike in cases that will put us back on the track that led to the shutdown in the first place is irresponsible. The governor's approach is working. A similar reasoned, evidence-based approach to reopening the state is necessary. A healthy economy is predicated on a healthy population.
04/16/2020 08:21 AM	Health Care Working Group	Molly Urquhart	Please, please, please, please help remove NC from its Rip Van Winkle status, and EXPAND Medicaid to serve the underserved/save more NC lives.
04/16/2020 08:23 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Bill Mears	It's very important we keep the stay-at-home guidelines in effect until the coronavirus is contained and adequate testing indicates it is safe to go back to work. The worst thing that could happen is that we go back to work too soon and a second wave of the virus hits us. That will mean it will take a lot longer to recover the economy.
04/16/2020 08:28 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mental Health Needs Cindy Cottle	I am a clinical and forensic psychologist. Please consider the increase in mental health and behavioral needs of all populations (including in prisons and jails), the limits and constraints of insurance to consumers and mental health professionals, and the limits of tele-health, which I believe are significant for many populations (eg, elderly, remote access, lack of privacy). Also, we need to begin to educate the public - and especially media and education boards/institutions - about resilience building skills. This is a natural disaster of sorts, and the rates of anxiety, depression, suicide, PTSD, OCD and other issues (domestic violence and relationship problems) are likely to increase - and tax an overly complex system. The current mental health systems are not prepared or equipped to manage this - and I believe we need to think broader in terms of how to prevent and manage symptoms and problems.
04/16/2020 08:31 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	MS Molly Urquhart	Mail in voting during Covid19 crisis is critical to protect our precious right to participate in an election. There are ample protections available to avoid fraud by mail in voting, and it makes no sense to make it difficult to vote.
04/16/2020 08:32 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Mrs Sharon Wingert	Make absentee voting easier by making ballots easier to obtain and open to everyone eligible to vote. Two witnesses during social distancing is Unsafe and Unrealistic, especially for single older people.

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04/16/2020 08:35 AM	Education Working Group	Ann Nichols	We are fortunate in North Carolina that we have lower numbers of Covid 19 cases. But, we need massive testing in all counties across our state. Social distancing is working.
04/16/2020 08:37 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Donna Strickland	Please begin preparing for mail-in ballots for November. We are smarter than what happened in Wisconsin where people risked their lives to vote. We will have this risk with us for at least another 18 months.
04/16/2020 08:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Strickland	Please do not suspend the stay at home order to reopen the economy until we have testing for every state citizen.
04/16/2020 08:39 AM	Economic Support Working Group	MS JUDY BISTANY	DO IT- IT'S THE RIGHT THING
04/16/2020 08:40 AM	Health Care Working Group	Keep NC citizens safe Debbie Graves	Please maintain shelter in place orders to keep NC citizens safe. Contrary to some postings here this is not a political issue but is Public Health issue. We need more testing before we can reopen business
04/16/2020 08:46 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Patricia Forrest	Make absentee voting easier-an online portal should be made available to apply for an absentee ballot
04/16/2020 08:46 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr George Jacobson	<p>Please note our extreme opposition to implementing vote by mail in North Carolina. Democrat activists nationwide seized on this talking point almost immediately when this pandemic started, and Governor Cooper is in lockstep with these activists.</p> <p>When the voters of North Carolina approved the requirement for voter ID in this state - Democrat activists immediately ran to friendly courts to nullify the will of the people. When they see a new opportunity to consolidate power - they take it. Vote by mail and ballot harvesting are an invitation for fraud - and we know there is a waiting army of DNC funded activists that can - in an instant - be mobilized nationwide. We've seen it before. You can bet your livelihood(if you have one left after this insane exercise), that this contingency has already been white boarded in a DNC planning session. They are always ready to seize the opportunity and have no regard for the will of the people. They will do anything to win. Vote by mail alone is ripe for fraud, when it is combined with legalized ballot harvesting - it is an invitation to fraud and will be abused.</p> <p>The solution? Adjust absentee ballot rules to allow citizens of this state to simply order their absentee ballot if they feel intimidated by going to the polls in November 2020. Simple fix to a non-problem.</p>
04/16/2020 08:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Executive Director Jim Barrett	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We urge the General Assembly to expand Medicaid to create 10,000 high-paying jobs to stimulate the economy, to support the jobs of health care workers in rural hospitals and communities, and to multiply through the economy.</li> <li>2. We urge the relaxation of benefits eligibility in this one-two year Covid-19 period for unemployment, SNAP, Medicaid, and other benefits.</li> <li>3. We urge the funding of legal aid work across the state to prevent homelessness and</li> </ol>

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			<p>domestic abuse, and to help small businesses stay in business and retain workers. \$15 M per year is needed for this purpose. This funding would be like the emergency funding for hurricane recovery, but it is needed statewide as soon as possible. Without this funding, tax bases will decline more as foreclosures become common. Homelessness and the resulting social costs will increase. Domestic violence will ruin children's chances of success and perpetuate the cycle of abuse. Funding legal aid work is incredibly cost effect to reduce poverty and mitigate its devastating and expensive effects.</p> <p>Thank you,  Jim Barrett  Executive Director  Pisgah Legal Services  Asheville, N.C.</p>
04/16/2020 08:48 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Please keep us safe Eden Avery	Please, please listen to health experts and epidemiologists when considering how to "reopen" our state safely and reasonably. All indications from them are that the "stay at home" orders and safe practices being recommended are helping to slow the spread of this deadly disease. The economic impact will be that much WORSE if the state does not follow sound medical advice. THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE PRIORITY. Thank you for all you are doing - and will continue to do to keep NC safe and healthy to ensure a strong future.
04/16/2020 08:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	DR Joe Haas	The jury is still out of how many parents will not be able to continue to afford tuition in nonpublic schools as a result of COVID-19. I have heard of some schools anticipating a 20% decrease in enrollment. If this happens in huge numbers, those students will be placed back in the public system potentially in large enough numbers that it will break the current budget for public schools. What is needed is a one-time emergency disaster COVID-19 grant could be included in the legislation (that is perhaps income-based) for parents who want to keep their children in nonpublic schools. In terms of costs, it would cost far less to give an emergency grant than for the state to have to come up with more money for public schools.
04/16/2020 08:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Paul Wantz	Governor Cooper, I urge you to fully reopen North Carolina to all business activity. Keeping our great state closed will place burdens on our citizens that will eventually collapse our state. There has already been an uptick in domestic violence and suicide attempts. Please carefully consider the ramifications of keeping NC closed as April 29 approaches. I once heard it said that when a man looses everything, he looses it. Please allow the citizens of NC to go back to work and earn a living. I do understand that Covid 19 is contagious but what will we look like a year from now if we keep NC closed much longer.
04/16/2020 08:52 AM	Education Working Group	DR Joe Haas	The jury is still out of how many parents will not be able to continue to afford tuition in nonpublic schools as a result of COVID-19. I have heard of some schools anticipating a 20% decrease in enrollment. If this happens in huge numbers, those students will be placed back in the public system potentially in large enough numbers that it will break the current budget for public schools. What is needed is a one-time emergency disaster COVID-19 grant could be included in the legislation (that is perhaps income-based) for parents who want to keep their children in nonpublic schools. In terms of costs, it would cost far less to give an emergency grant than for the state to have to come up with more money for public schools.

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04/16/2020 08:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Register Nurse Anna Lamoreaux	I work at a large university hospital, so I'm on the front line of this CoVid 19 crisis. I believe that you have to keep the stay at home response in place. When we have hit our peak we can't just start loosing the restraints, because that's when it will come back even harder, and then the health system will become overwhelmed. Then at that point, is when we will have way too many deaths. So stay strong and keep to you're plan of stay at home. I would hate for you to give in to the demands of people who truly do not understand what is at stake. We all know that all of you will be blamed (and possibly blame yourselves) for the outcome (deaths) of relaxing the state of emergency restriction. Leave it in place and slowly easy up on it. I know that it is a hardship for all of us financially, emotionally, and physically but if we can save one life, it is worth it!
04/16/2020 08:54 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jennifer Del Rio	Please support Vote by Mail!
04/16/2020 08:59 AM	Health Care Working Group	Stay at home Jeannine Guthrie	the economy is not worth risking lives in a pandemic. Do not reopen the economy prematurely or many more will die. The Stay at Home order must continue until the threat has passed.
04/16/2020 09:02 AM	Health Care Working Group	Bonnie Wright	Please do not lift stay-at-home orders until adequate testing (covid19 and antibodies) and contact tracing is in place to do it safely. Support workers whose livelihoods have been damaged.
04/16/2020 09:04 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Bonnie Wright	Please do not lift stay-at-home orders until adequate testing (covid19 and antibodies) and contact tracing is in place to do it safely. Recovery of the economy depends on opening slowly and strategically to minimize future surges. Support workers whose livelihoods have been damaged.
04/16/2020 09:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Susan Southard	I cannot urge you more strongly to keep North Carolina's shelter-in-place orders active, and possibly extend them, until our nation's leading medical officials announce it is safe for all of us to re-enter daily life outside of our homes (and only then with a plan for tiered re-entry). I live in a community with many aging women and men, and their lives will be in serious danger if the stay-at-home orders are lifted prematurely. This is a grave matter of public health. Thank you.
04/16/2020 09:06 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bonnie Wright	Please provide mail-in ballots to all NC voters so that every voter has a choice to protect personal safety and still participate fully in this important election. Also, go fully to paper ballots to significantly reduce the likelihood of electronic election interference.
04/16/2020 09:09 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Karin Yeatts	As an epidemiologist, I ask the committee to keep the stay in place orders. The current stay in place order has saved thousands of people from dying here in the great state of North Carolina. By doing so, we are protecting health care workers on the front lines, and people with cardiovascular disease (1/3 of the population), obesity, asthma, and diabetes as well as the elderly.
04/16/2020 09:10 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Jennifer Neal	I think we need to continue to stay home and stay safe!!

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04/16/2020 09:13 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Julie Coulter	<p>We need to expand access to quality healthcare for all citizens including expansion of Medicaid and provide services for people living with disabilities on the registry of unmet needs.</p> <p>We need to be able to mail in vote for the fall 2020 election.</p> <p>We need access to immunity testing and contact tracing.</p> <p>Make decisions based on science and fact to protect the health of citizens.</p>
04/16/2020 09:14 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Susan Southard	<p>I cannot urge you more strongly to do everything possible to make voting accessible to every North Carolinian this November. This includes receiving all federal aid to support increased voter participation during this corona virus pandemic, and making postage-paid mail-in ballots available to every voter. This is essential because it is unknown yet whether it will be safe for voters and poll workers to show up at polls. In our democracy, the choice to vote should NOT be one that could put anyone's life or health at risk. Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 09:15 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Julie Coulter	<p>We need to be able to vote fairly and safely in November, 2020. Please make mail in voting easily accessible, fair and safe.</p>
04/16/2020 09:17 AM	Health Care Working Group	Heather Hager	<p>I just want to express my support of the importance of staying the course. Governor Cooper and the committee has done an excellent job of flattening the curve. If we open too early, all this social distancing and staying home will be for naught. I am a Massage Therapist who suspended my practice earlier than the mandate for the safety of my at risk clients. I am 100% affected by this as my income from my business is nonexistent now. I still support staying the course so we don't have a resurgence of COVID-19. Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 09:17 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Julie Coulter	<p>Expand access to Medicaid and services to people living with disabilities on the registry of unmet needs.</p>
04/16/2020 09:22 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	ROBIN KIRK	<p>North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured. The NCBE should move immediately to make this happen.</p>
04/16/2020 09:23 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ROBIN KIRK	<p>Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and</p>

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04/16/2020 09:24 AM	Health Care Working Group	ROBIN KIRK	<p>medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.</p> <p>The NCGA must expand Medicaid immediately. COVID19 is a risk to all North Carolinians. By withholding health insurance from 600,000 of our citizens, the NCGA endangers all of our lives. Without access to health care, risk of C19 infection increases, those infected can in turn infect others. If our health care system is overwhelmed by C19 patients, all will suffer, including those having heart attacks, strokes or other emergencies, if the ICUs are filled with C19 patients. It is shortsighted and ignorant, not to mention inhumane, to withhold health care from more than half a million citizens of this state.</p>
04/16/2020 09:25 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Thomas Cone	<p>Based upon my role as board member of several organizations which are having to respond to and provide social and health services, I have seen first-hand how many North Carolina citizens have stepped up to care for and support our fellow citizens economically and medically. Health care workers and organizations have put the public good ahead of their own. This comes at a great cost. Hospitals across the state are already suffering significant budgeting problems; many physicians - including front-line primary care physicians - have seen their income steeply decline, forcing them to lay off staff. Many citizens are afraid to seek necessary health care either because of fear or lack of funds. The federal government has increased funding through Medicaid, but that only helps for those who have Medicaid. As you know, the North Carolina legislature has, until now, chosen not to expand coverage to nearly 500,000 NC citizens. Now is the time to reverse course and do so. The additional funding that would flow to the state would be leveraged many times over not only financially, but in improved health of all citizens. Please consider this as an essential response to the COVID-19 emergency, as well as the ongoing health needs of all off our citizens.</p>
04/16/2020 09:36 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Susan Crosby	<p>You must allow people to work. We have no income. Our daughter will now not be able to go to college. We can not pay our mortgage and with no timeline for the reopening of the economy we can't even plan to try to pay our bills. If the point of killing the economy and small businesses is to keep us safe, it is failing. Both my husband and I will now (we are not young) will have to go find work in a grocery store or a delivery service just to pay the bills. So much for staying home. For reference our income came from the food service industry.</p>
04/16/2020 09:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Cross	<p>I have always supported expanding Medicare, but this crisis should highlight the need for it. If the uninsured are uncared for (because they can't afford it), it endangers us all. If their only access to care is with the Emergency Department, our healthcosts will continue to rise. We are all paying for our state's unwillingness to take Federal dollars in our healthcare bills and our collective poorer health. Further, NC taxpayers are paying for other states to have better access to healthcare for its citizens. Please act now to do the right thing for all NC residents.</p>
04/16/2020 09:49 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Afrique Kilimanjaro	<p>Please provide funding so that NC residents can receive treatment necessary in this pandemic.</p>
04/16/2020 09:51 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay at Home Christina Franc	<p>Stay the course with Gov. Coopers Stay At Home Order! Stay home, flatten the curve!!</p>

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04/16/2020 09:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay Home Christina Franc	Continue with the Stay at Home Order! Thank you Gov. Cooper!
04/16/2020 09:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	DONYA FRONTAURIA	PLEASE please please keep the stay-at-home orders in place. We are flattening the curve and slowing the spread. It is working! No one's life is worth losing because of the economy. I understand that people are itching to get back to 'normal', but please listen to the scientists and doctors who've made it their lives' work to study things like this!!! If they say we need to stay home, wear masks in public, etc, we need to listen to them! I have several risk factors and my husband is a teacher. I would rather we stay home for a bit longer to let this virus burn itself out, than rush into 'normal' and end up killing a lot more people. I might be one of them! I'm not okay with that!!! LISTEN TO THE SPECIALISTS!!!!!!
04/16/2020 09:54 AM	Health Care Working Group	Cheryl Mitchell-Olds	NC must expand Medicaid immediately. As we can see, withholding insurance from 600,000 + people endangers all citizens in the state. Without access to health care the risk of contracting Covid-19 increases and those infected then infect others. Those without health care are also the ones that are continuing to work (doing essential work to keep the rest of us safe at home), and expose themselves and others to the virus. It is short sighted and ignorant, not to mention immoral to withhold healthcare to so many of our citizens.
04/16/2020 09:58 AM	Health Care Working Group	Cynthia Bryson	PLEASE do not rush to reopen businesses in North Carolina. Social distancing is clearly working. A push to reopen will reignite this virus in horrible ways. Citizens' lives are more important than the economy!
04/16/2020 09:59 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cheryl Mitchell-Olds	North Carolina needs to move forward now to plan for Vote By Mail. Enduring everyone's right to vote safely is essential to maintaining a robust democracy. No one should have to risk their life to cast a vote. Every public health expert and scientist has predicted another outbreak of Covid 19 in the fall. We must not "wait and see". There are plenty of states that have successful vote by mail, we do not need to reinvent the wheel. It is imperative that NCBOE move forward with plans now.
04/16/2020 10:03 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. John Davis	Please do not end stay at home order until testing is available in every county with a 2 day test result turn around, paid for by the state, and is available to 100% of the people who request a test and not only available to people who meet a medical procedure to qualify for the test. People are spreading the disease who are asymptomatic and do not have readily and timely available testing. Otherwise it will be up and down infections and exponentially climbing infection rates and we will have to start the social distancing mitigation over and over again until a vaccine is readily available. You can phase out stay at home by county or area as this happens. Yes more people die from the flue annually than CV19 so far but the CV 19 infection rate is very high and the the death rate if you get it is higher than the flu. Lives should win any ties or close calls with the economy.
04/16/2020 10:03 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Cheryl Mitchell-Olds	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. It now looks like we will be able to handle the increased patient load on the system. These measures should continue, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. A well considered, organized and

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04/16/2020 10:03 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Meredith delaVergne	<p>medically sound strategy going forward is the only safe way to reopen the state.</p> <p>Please continue with public health issues and keep stay-at-home orders in place. Please consider the need for mail-in voting and the need to expand Medicaid.</p>
04/16/2020 10:05 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Brenda Wells	Do NOT open the state prematurely! It's dangerous to do so. The group that's asking you to do it doesn't apparently understand the medical facts involved in COVID 19.
04/16/2020 10:06 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Patricia Roseman	<p>I am guessing non of you know personally someone that has or died from this horrible virus. That you think it is a Essential to open the economy to early. This is a dangerous and scary time to rush this. This must wait till we know it is safe enough that it will not become worse. My son is a paramedic in pitt and Beaufort county. It my not be that bad here but it can be of we are doing something to soon.</p>
04/16/2020 10:22 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Sarah McIntee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make preparations for this fall's election to be mostly, but not exclusively, by mail. I am planning to request such a ballot. I will not be alone. Make it so everyone has easy and safe access to this constitutional right. Not making it easy means you are not making it safe.</li> <li>2. Extend Medicaid to the poor in this state so that everyone is covered and their costs are properly accounted for. Not doing this has cost lives in this crisis, has sacrificed rural clinics, and healthcare worker jobs. There are several cases where people have died in their homes afraid of going to the hospital. Charity care at each hospital is not the way to deal with the problem. It is hard enough to understand why health care is so expensive.</li> <li>3. Make sure be have a robust social services department to deal with mass unemployment. If the system is there, in place, all the time, then lives are saved in a crisis. Unemployment is an externalized cost from our fickle profit motive system. Many workers are either homemakers and caregivers, or independent contractors where there isn't, "unemployment." So many have not been reached by "aid," and apparently these aid checks can be intercepted by landlords and debt collectors, which defeats the purpose of "aid." Fix the homeless problem. Fix the child poverty problem. There has been a lot of failure in all of these. The people don't deserve this kind of abuse. None of this is their fault.</li> <li>4. Raise minimum wage so people are not as devastated by unemployment. The wage in this state does not cover the basics. If people can't earn enough to save for covering extended leave from illness, then our system has failed.</li> <li>5. Make plans, ahead of time, on how food and critical supplies get redirected from wholesale to retail markets when there is a pandemic or other emergency, and how the poor are to be fed. Should restaurants turn into supply stores? Should wholesale goods be sold in parking lots out of trucks? Should Schools be appropriated as distribution centers? Should there be plans to distribute supply food boxes with basic foods to all of the elderly shut into their homes? The distribution and access issues in this crisis have been horrible.</li> <li>6. Take advantage of this down time, when deciding which industries open first, to fix</li> </ol>

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			<p>outdoor infrastructure and roads, to overhaul the system for the next crisis, and to set policies that will help us deal with the frequent disasters that are coming in bunches from climate change. Flooding, drought, fire, and mosquito and tropical diseases will become more common as time goes on. There will be multiple crises at once. We will start looking more like Florida.</p>
04/16/2020 10:27 AM	Health Care Working Group	Paul Smith	<p>I want to be sure that people who have lost their employment related health insurance or are for other reasons without health insurance can receive medical care. What are you doing to be sure these people have health insurance and can get the care they need??</p>
04/16/2020 10:28 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tamara Bartreau	<p>Please do NOT 're-open the state' until we have scientifically based information that will enable North Carolina to safely and continuously do so. Medical, and other credentialed and respected authorities are studying and making appropriate recommendations as to how to do so. Please take their advice, think hard about your constituents and continue to protect us</p>
04/16/2020 10:29 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Cohen	<p>As a retired nurse (&amp; public health professional) who is now working on the COVID19 hotline I speak to people all over the state. Many of them are sick; all of them are frightened. The health care system is very close to being completely overwhelmed. Many can't access any in-person health services. Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It is proving to be successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy; it is already happening &amp; I hear about it everyday. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward is the best way to proceed. Please listen to the public health professionals. In the past we in public health have adequately prevented the spread of diseases such as TB, syphilis, AIDS. We know what we are doing.</p>
04/16/2020 10:32 AM	Health Care Working Group	Susan Cohen	<p>The NCGA must expand Medicaid immediately. COVID19 is a risk to all North Carolinians. By withholding health insurance from 600,000 of our citizens, the NCGA endangers all of our lives. Without access to health care, risk of C19 infection increases, those infected can in turn infect others. If our health care system is overwhelmed by C19 patients, all will suffer, including those having heart attacks, strokes or other emergencies, if the ICUs are filled with C19 patients. It is shortsighted and ignorant, not to mention inhumane, to withhold health care from more than half a million citizens of this state.</p>
04/16/2020 10:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Eric Thomas	<p>I understand there is a lot of pressure to quickly re-open the economy, despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. I would strongly request that both the legislature and the governor should resist such pressure. Re-opening the economy should ONLY be done when the Public Health community, based on sound, scientific principles and evidence, says it's safe to do so. To do otherwise will prolong the pandemic, cost more lives, and, in the long run, be more damaging to the economy. A healthy economy depends on a healthy population. The COVID-19 pandemic can't be wished away or banished by edict. The medicine prescribed by the public health establishment may be strong but, in the long run, it's the only thing that will work. Listen to them and not the voices of un-reason!</p>

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04/16/2020 10:33 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk their lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured. The NCBE should move immediately to vote by mail happen. Other states have already done this.
04/16/2020 10:37 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Eric Thomas	In view of the ongoing pandemic and the poor chances that it will be over by November, I would strongly recommend that North Carolina adopt a robust system for mail-in voting. This would allow the franchise to be exercised by every eligible voter without them having to expose themselves to possible COVID-19 infection. Mail-in voting has worked well where ever it has been adopted. There's no reason we can't and shouldn't do it here.
04/16/2020 10:39 AM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Susan Orovitz	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.
04/16/2020 10:45 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Eric Thomas	In view of the ongoing public health disaster caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more obvious than ever that we need universal healthcare coverage to our population. In practical terms, the easiest way to expand health coverage to a large portion of our uninsured would be to expand medicaid. This coverage should be expanded to our entire population: the working poor, the homeless, the undocumented immigrant, to every other presently uninsured population. To do otherwise is the designate the left-out generation as potential "Typhoid Marys", a group that will be sure to spread the disease to the rest of us. In addition to this, a policy of paid sick leave would prevent people from having to choose between being able to pay their expenses or coming to work sick to infect the rest of us. These policies should be enacted as soon as possible, before this pandemic wreaks any more havoc on the citizens of North Carolina.
04/16/2020 10:46 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Pamela Robbins	Dear Mr. Tim Moore, During the Covid-19 pandemic millions of students nation wide are suffering due to school closures. I request the NCGA fund a major investment in NC students for supportive technology infrastructure for schools & students. The rural areas of NC suffer with lack of hospitals due to closures from no Medicaid expansion and then another assault with children not having access to take advantage of distance-learning. Other states are creating partnerships between school systems & telecommunication companies. Please address this very important issue with the funding required so that every child no matter of background & location has the same opportunity. These children are our future and while our system is not prepared for this pandemic it must be ready for the future. Please act immediately for the future of NC. Thank you for your consideration. Pamela Robbins
04/16/2020 11:02 AM	Health Care Working	Paul Smith	Isn't passing Medicaid Expansion the easiest and most effective action to providing health

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04/16/2020 11:17 AM	Group Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Beverly Cowdrick	care insurance for all who need it? Isn't it time for NC to step up to this need? Please move to all prepaid mail-in ballots for the November election and all other elections. There is no need to put North Carolina citizens in harms way.
04/16/2020 11:19 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kristina Love	<p>I live in Charlotte, NC. I would like to add my voice to the many others who are calling for an immediate lifting of the stay-at-home order and the re-opening of all businesses in our state. We have taken the cautious approach and slowed the infection rate. While this is a great thing, our actual infection rate, our actual number of hospital beds and ventilators used, is far, far below what had been projected even in models that took social distancing into account. Hospitals in NC are not overwhelmed, in fact it's quite the opposite. People have died of COVID-19, yes. We know that the numbers of COVID-19 related deaths have been inflated through a number of means. And even these inflated numbers are far, far less than projected and well within the ability of our health care system to handle.</p> <p>On the other hand, the skyrocketing unemployment rate and the damage done to this economy due to this shutdown, is unprecedented. I am afraid a true crisis will result, one with a high death toll. There is a price to pay for this: widespread poverty, depression, alcoholism, drug addiction, homelessness, and suicide. And everyone will know that Governor Cooper is squarely to blame for it.</p> <p>This shutdown MUST not continue, because every moment that it continues destroys lives in a way that many people may never be able to recover. This is undoubtedly a far worse outcome than that of the pandemic itself.</p> <p>A quarantine restricts the movement of sick people. A tyranny restricts the movement of healthy people.</p> <p>Please tell the Raleigh police department to read the Constitutions they swore an oath to abide by. The NC State Constitution, Article I, Section 12 states that the people have a right to peaceably assemble, as does the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. By the way, protesting is in fact an essential activity. To say it isn't is absolutely moronic and ignorant. I'm shocked that anyone would have such a lapse in judgment as to make such an embarrassing public statement to that effect. The Raleigh police department should be reprimanded for mishandling the situation at the ReOpen NC protest. Dispersing tax-paying citizens with dissenting views is beneath contempt, as is arresting them for exercising their legitimate rights. We are aware that they were under direct orders from Governor Cooper.</p> <p>It is beyond urgent that these coronavirus restrictions be lifted WITHOUT ANY DELAY.</p>
04/16/2020 11:19 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	ms s turner	I want you to know that I am in favor of keeping the stay-at-home order in place until we can properly test our citizens of NC and find out where we stand. I understand the economic implications but health and safety come first, are you really willing to jeopardize peoples' lives in order to restore what used to be normal life? Life has changed until we at least get a vaccine which is a long way away or until we have medications that work to

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			reduce symptoms of Covid-19. Please do not put my life at risk just to appease the people who want the state open (or for political reasons for yourselves), chances are it will fail and we'll be in even more trouble. Instead insist on help from the federal gov't to get testing done for everyone here. Testing should be first and foremost on everyone's minds.
04/16/2020 11:24 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Ed Hoefle	Please retain stay at home order. We have but one chance to get this right and are currently doing all we can. A hasty end to the current conditions could be catastrophic. Let's be safe for NC. Thank you
04/16/2020 11:26 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid -19 comments Hannah Ockerman	I think the governor has done a great job with his executive orders and encouraging shutting down and social distancing. I would like to see an extension of said order at the end of April, along with actual enforcement of the order. There is too little enforcement going on and too many people still out and about for non-essential business. Bring in the National Guard if needed, but enforce the order for at minimal another month.
04/16/2020 11:30 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Cynthia Shealy	At this challenging time, it is crucial that we protect our most vulnerable population and expand Medicaid services. As a social worker, I have worked first hand with folks that need these services to stay healthy and keep their family healthy. Please consider the importance and responsibility we have to care for each other and ensure our basic needs are taken care of including health care, child care, and housing. Thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 11:30 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Vickie Rushing	I support keeping the stay at home order until we have enough testing. Test first!
04/16/2020 11:32 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Carrie Zeigler	I am a daycare director that is still working on the front lines to make sure our parents that are still working on the front lines also have a place to make sure their children have a safe place to go while they are at work. I am urging you pass the legislation to expand Medicaid to cover the uninsured in our state. North Carolina is missing out on billions in federal health care dollars and we can not continue to loose out on these federal funds that will be a help to the hard working citizens of North Carolina.
04/16/2020 11:33 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Marlene Barney	I encourage NC's participation in the coalition formed by VA Gov. Northam (Dem and physician), MD Gov. Hogan (moderate R and cancer survivor), and DC Mayor Bowser (D) to share ideas, best practices, and resources, and to plan for the safe, secure, and strategic opening of the economic region when appropriate.
04/16/2020 11:39 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	ms s turner	I am writing to ask you to NOT reopen NC until proper testing has been done, you cannot have a proper plan in place until then to even think about reopening the state thereby putting peoples' lives at risk. I understand there is tremendous pressure to get people back to work and that you are not only worried about that but your own reelection. Politics has no place in a decision that may affect millions of our citizens, do what is right for NC and for us...for me. I'm elderly, I don't want to catch this and I'm practicing all stay-at-home orders, even only venturing out every 2 weeks to the grocer. I was out the other day and people are already ignoring the order, I believe, because of the politics of reopening states has been talked about too much this last week. Two weeks ago everyone at the grocer had masks on, the other day maybe 50% had them, and the hardware stores parking lot was full of shoppers. You all have a duty to protect us here in NC, I know it's a financial hardship but the federal gov't must help us out-YOU must insist on it-that's the feds job to help us in emergencies no matter what the president says. In the meantime do what's right and keep the state closed until we have tested to be able to know where the virus is and

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			isolate those areas. Get testing done first, please start fighting for more tests. By keeping the state closed you will be telling the federal gov't that you're acting responsibly by protecting innocent people like me and not opening until we're provided the testing we need and a plan on how to proceed with it from the federal gov't. Thank you for listening.
04/16/2020 11:43 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Helen Monk	I request that voting rules be amended to allow the BD of Elections flexibility to respond to such unforeseen events such as pandemics, earthquakes and other disasters; that voter registration become available on-line for all, not just NC Division of Motor Vehicles customers; and that absentee voting be made easier for all who are eligible to vote. The current requirement for 2 witnesses is unsafe/unrealistic during pandemics/other disasters. Thank you.
04/16/2020 11:43 AM	Health Care Working Group	Lynn Andrews	If there was ever a time to expand Medicaid, this is it. Leaving vulnerable people uninsured during a pandemic is courting disaster. Having everyone covered with health insurance benefits all of us. Expand Medicaid now!
04/16/2020 11:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Lynn Andrews	In order for businesses to reopen, we need to know where the virus is. That means testing, contact tracing, and quarantine. Without testing, we must assume everyone is infected. At the very least, we should require everyone to wear a mask in public.
04/16/2020 11:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC now! Russell Best	Reopen this state ASAP.
04/16/2020 11:46 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Davis Simpson	OPEN NC! 22 million Americans unemployed.
04/16/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen our state! Stewart Matthews	We need people to go back to work NOW!
04/16/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Paul Burdine	It's time to Reopen NC! The curve has been flattened. Stop hurting the economy. Stop ruining small businesses. The seasonal flu STILL has more deaths than COVID-19 to date. Let quarantine be a choice for those with health problems. Let the healthy people work!
04/16/2020 11:47 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Richard Berg	We need to reopen NC!
04/16/2020 11:48 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms.. Julie Dixon	I am a nurse..I am laid off. My patients need me.. Reopen NC by May 1st!!!
04/16/2020 11:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Beth Stern	#reopenNC The supreme court has already ruled that no state of emergency supersedes constitutional rights. I demand restoration of our personal civil rights to conduct business, travel freely and gather in groups however we desire. This is America! We fight wars to preserve our way of life. The local, state or national government cannot force someone to choose certain financial ruin over the .0002% chance of dying from some illness.
04/16/2020 11:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Hood	Reopen now... numbers do not warrant the shutdown
04/16/2020 11:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nicole Berg	Please reOpen NC!
04/16/2020 11:48 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC!!
04/16/2020 11:48 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Lynn Andrews	North Carolina needs to make plans now for easily accessible absentee voting by mail in November. Citizens should not have to choose between exercising their right to vote and

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		protecting their health. Other states successfully vote by mail. We must, too.
04/16/2020 11:49 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Hugh Giblin	Please do not risk lives and reopen economy too soon, just about every reputable expert is against it, take their word for it. Lives not money count the most.
04/16/2020 11:49 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mack Moore	#ReopenNC NOW
04/16/2020 11:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Remove your restrictions Perry Matthews	Remove your executive orders to shut down our state. Let the people work
04/16/2020 11:49 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	April Heine	We need to reopen NC!!!
04/16/2020 11:49 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Kathleen Yonce	Please assure a fair and accessible election in November 2020 in NC by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• making voting by mail easier and more accessible</li> <li>• increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option</li> <li>• ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots</li> </ul> Thank you.
04/16/2020 11:49 AM	Education Working Group	Daycare worker Rosa Mullen	We need to reopen NC ASAP. People need to work and pay their bills and get food for their families.
04/16/2020 11:49 AM	Economic Support Working Group	SGM Tim Steinway	REOPEN NC!
04/16/2020 11:49 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Joey Ashley	Please reopen our state. We have rights and those can not be taken under any circumstance. We all agree we need to be safe and take precautions but tearing up the dreams and work of small businesses due to a virus that is not what the media wanted to be is beyond wrong and frankly unconstitutional. Cooper is killing our state and for absolutely no reason what so ever. Please end these unconstitutional demands now, many fought for this freedom not to be destroyed by a few based totally on political reasons. OPEN NC NOW!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Eric Bregman	Open up NC now!!! The virus is not having as much of an impact as they thought!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Leanne Lawrence	Please begin reopening businesses!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathryn Smith	The data does not support continued stay at home orders. We have not overwhelmed our healthcare system. We have decimated our economy and that impact to lives is not being considered. Addiction and mental health impacts are not being considered. Our constitutional rights will not be violated any longer. Open by April 30th for the non risk people. We will be protesting your violation of our rights and will not be silent any longer. #reopenNC

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04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Rachel Knowles	We need to open businesses back up. Without our tax money we will not be able to support state assistance programs to people who truly need it.
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	REOPEN NC Rebecca Dudley	NC needs to be reopened ASAP. State cant function without businesses and educated children.
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Thompson	Open NC!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC now Denise Bray	NC needs to be reopened by May 1st. There was never a need to shut down the state and continuing to keep it shut down us going to ruin us.
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Robert Gwiazdzinski	We want our state opened back up asap #ReOpenNC
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Sharon Mcgee	Our economy both federal and state cannot sustain continued closure. Find a way to allow us to get back to work by May 1st. Please!!!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jenni Knight	We need our state open! Unemployment rates are skyrocketing, people are about to lose their businesses, homes and are going hungry. This has become ridiculous. Reopen NC and get life going again.
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Bunting	#REOPENNC!
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristin Hood	We need to reopen North Carolina now. People take risks every day. This is just a new risk. It is a bit scary but let individuals make their own decisions. We are losing our constitutional rights and freedoms.
04/16/2020 11:50 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cheryl Frey	We need to open north Carolina back up for business! Every case of covid19 has cost 125 people their job. Our hospitals are not overwhelmed. We are creating more problems by killing our economy!
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	K Davis	Please open N.C. Business. It is time. Thank you
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen nc Shannon Hatch	Reopen nc, do it with precautions. Open non essential businesses. I know it sounds risky. But the governor got a hair cut, and I believe everyone else deserves one, plus hairdressers already practice sanitation its their job to do so!! Open with cautions such as still implementing certain capacity levels, and such.
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Holton	ReOpen NC on May 1st!!
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Health Care Working Group	Jennifer MacLean	Reopen our state!

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04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Dovid Berg	OPEN NC!
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	mrs Samantha Roberts	The current shut down is an overstep of power and needs to come to an end asap. This virus is not any worse than what we already deal with every year. Though it is sad, it can not continue to destroy our economy.
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	J. Miller	We have to open our state back up very soon. Our small businesses are running out of money and some of them are not getting the help that they need. We will have even bigger problems if we keep this state shut down for longer periods of time.
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	John Bunting	#REOPENNC
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC now Paulette McCoy	Reopen NC. There is no legitimate reason to keep NC closed for business.
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Debbie Johnson	We need to look closely at small business that can be re-opened at a safe level. Barber shops, nail salons, mom and pop stores- one at a time or offer the same idea as the big box stores- per person, per square foot. These small businesses deserve the right to be open and operate just as much as Wal-Mart, etc. Their livelihoods should not be comprised and it's not the governments place to deem who is essential or not. Safe practices for everyone can still be followed, but stomping on constitutional rights will not be tolerated!
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Dovid Berg	OPEN NC!
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Please just admit that the models were wrong and we can re-open the economy in 2 weeks. NC has done an amazing job flattening the curve. There is no reason to continue to kill our economy for a virus that the fatalities will be .005% of the population, less than all other causes of death in NC. Let's protect the vulnerable and slowly re-open businesses.
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Betty Jones	Reopen NC now!
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Suzanne McClure	REOPEN NC IMMEDIATELY!! STOP THIS NONSENSE NOW!
04/16/2020 11:51 AM	Health Care Working Group	Caroline Katz	It is time to lift the shutdown order and let North Carolina open. The loss of lives due to despair will be far greater than any from Covid 19. The WHO still lists poverty as the number 1 cause of premature death. Suicides, drug overdoses, alcohol related deaths, homicides are all higher in NC than deaths due to or even projected from Covid 19. Do those lives NOT matter? The mental health affects on children will be immeasurable. Additionally we are still going off models that continue to be wrong. We can take reasonable measures to protect the most vulnerable without ruining the lives of millions -

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			and most importantly millions of children.
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Education Working Group	Hudson Rice	It's time for the unconstitutional State shut down to end. Let the people make their own health decisions and the ones who do want to work, go back to work!
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Education Working Group	Mr Dovid Berg	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Katie Dowens	It is time to reopen our state and restore freedom. People's life work and financial futures are being ruined.
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Chad Hord	the current exec order from Gov Cooper.. is based on the FALSE data provided for COVID.. a FALSE FATALITY RATE .. 6% ... derived from garbage data.. using confirmed cases .. rather than total estimated infected.. while representing that fatality rate as 6 people in 100 will die from covid 19.. that is a LIE.. doctors around the world from Fauci to Campbell have stated that total infected estimates are at least 20x higher then confirmed cases.. which reduces fatality rate by a factor of 20.. .. making it more along the lines of .03% .. around the level of seasonal flu... i agree infection rate is more aggressive due to asymptomatic contagiousness.. but this is FAR LESS then H1N1 and we did NOT over-react in this way in 2009-2010
			REOPEN and NC and keep the guidelines for social distancing in place..
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Armfield	Please begin opening up the state. People are becoming frustrated and they will not adhere to the Governor's Executive Order much longer. We should not live in fear for trying to support our family. Time to open up North Carolina.
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Baker/barista Lezlie Rusin	The cure is becoming worse than the disease. 3/4 of our immediate family is furloughed. Reopen N.C.!
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan Surane	Please open the state back up. We css as my survive with no income and no unemployment benefits because the state's system is so bad.
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Sean Maccarone	We need to REOPEN NC May 1st!
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	April Heine	We need to reopen North Carolina. People need to get back to work and normalcy.
04/16/2020 11:52 AM	Economic Support Working Group	April Heine	We need to reopen North Carolina. People need to get back to work and normalcy.
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Kamalesh Patel	Reopen nc
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	William Mauney	This is ridiculous. Multiple studies, not 'models' are showing this virus to have a mortality rate at 1% or lower. There are thousands of North Carolinians out of work, students that are missing important education opportunities, and families that need to get back to work. It's time to end this shutdown.
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	James Benfield	Open up NC now. You have forcibly shut down our business's for no reason at all.Enjoy it because we are throwing you out in NOV.

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04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Tammy Pruiett	Please Open Our State Back Up, People are Gonna Lose Everything They have if We Can Not work, We Will Become A Poverty Stricken State !! Down Town Raleigh will Lose Business and Close Up. It will Become a Ghost Town, People Will Be Hungry For Lack Of Income Due To Being Closed. Please Take care of Us !! and Let Our State Open Back Up. Thank You, God Bless
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	TAMMY MOORE	PLEASE open NC !! We small business owners are suffering !! WE WANT TO WORK !!! Let the at risk self quarantine and let the healthy work !!!
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	William Jennetta	Please end the shutdown immediately. Adults are capable of following the coronavirus guidelines of social distancing, hygiene and masks, if so required. By following the guidelines, we could go back to close-to-normal economic activity and stop the economic hemorrhaging that is occurring.
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Health Care Working Group	Amy Martin	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Catherine Alexander	The citizens of North Carolina must be not just allowed, but encouraged to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives and by making voting more accessible to all voters. In order to address now the potential voting crisis facing us this fall, the NC legislature must 1) make voting more accessible by expanding access to voting by mail or going to complete voting by mail, 2) publicly promoting voting by mail, 3) making voting by mail free (pre-paid) to voters, 4) expanding the voting period and opportunities both for by-mail and in-person ballots, especially in areas where there are fewer cars and access to polling places (rural areas, retirement/elder care residences and facilities, university campuses, inner city areas, and 5) budget now for the changing and additional resources needed to register voters and to achieve universal access to voting by registered voters.  I thank you for your work and trust that you will work on behalf of a robust democratic election during this time of pandemic.
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Neil Preslar	Reopen this state please. We were told that this was to keep hospitals from being over run. The numbers have been revised down so open it back up. We can't kick this down the road it will prolong it longer than needed
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Michael Edwards	Reopen NC. We are tired of our liberties being trampled on. Please help us.
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Shannon Cline	Reopen NC immediately!
04/16/2020 11:53 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Anonymous	NC needs to be re-opened immediately. The small business owners and working people need to get back to work in order to survive.
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Education Working Group	Kjersti Warren	It is time to lift the shutdown order and let North Carolina open. The loss of lives due to despair will be far greater than any from Covid 19. The WHO still lists poverty as the

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			number 1 cause of premature death. Suicides, drug overdoses, alcohol related deaths, homicides are all higher in NC than deaths due to or even projected from Covid 19. Do those lives NOT matter? The mental health affects on children will be immeasurable. Additionally we are still going off models that continue to be wrong. We can take reasonable measures to protect the most vulnerable without ruining the lives of millions - and most importantly millions of children.
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen N.C.!
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Health Care Working Group	Year William Judge	Please open NC for business. It can be done responsibly and protect our most at risk citizens.
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Valerie Shuler	Open up NC you have more deaths from diabetes and accidents are you going to shut down fast food and ban cars?
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Betsy Clark	Please reopen NC. Our people will soon be dying deaths of despair. Small businesses provide jobs for over half the people in our state, and federal funding has DRIED UP for our small businesses. People will begin to starve if we do not open businesses, and quickly!
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group		We need to reopen NC ASAP. You are hurting people and killing business by keeping us shut down.
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katrina Kolseth	Our small businesses and self employed are suffering, If the state does not reopen soon many of these businesses will never be able to reopen and people will loose their livelihood and possibly their homes due to lack of money. Our county has only had 4 cases - all in one family due to travel related circumstances, we need to reopen ASAP. People can still use social distancing and common sense of staying home if you are sick or compromised but we need to allow the healthy to return to somewhat normal.
04/16/2020 11:54 AM	Health Care Working Group	Kim Taylor	Reopen NC small businesses are failing
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Randy Peters	<p>Although they have been notoriously wrong, much credence is given to the IHME models. They continue to predict peak NC hospital utilization to be 17 April. (Link below) According to ncdhhs.gov at 11:00 AM, 16 April, we are at 5,465 cases, 131 tragic total deaths, and only 452 hospitalized. Bear in mind that these models predicting catastrophic death and resource utilization ALLOWED for the social distancing put in place on 30 March and before. Yet, they still overestimated the effects of SARS-CoV-2. If the intent of Mr. Cooper's actions was to reduce demand on hospitals, it has achieved its desired effect. In my view we are now at a point where experience with the virus can influence policy rather than models of suspect reliability. Thus, extension of the governor's restrictions is based on something other than respect for the 'science' behind this epidemic.</p>
			<a href="https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/north-carolina">https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/north-carolina</a>
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	David Gandossy	Reopen North Carolina
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Valerie Bower	Please let us go back to work. Lift the restrictions and give us back our rights.

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04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Business Owner Stephen Smith	It's time to reopen NC, Roy has said he was trying to kill it by enacting unconstitutional orders, we thought he meant the virus... in turn it's the economy and small businesses!
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	daniel harker	It's time to open us up you are in violation of the first amendment right and you are braking the law trying to get it from us so stop it this is a lab virus and y'all can kill it if y'all want too
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Forrest Beal	We need to reopen N.C. now. Almost every business could be open and still follow guidelines for safe distancing.
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Health Care Working Group	Sandra Moore	RE-OPEN NC!!
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC PLEASE Brandi Johnson	Please reopen NC! Small businesses and individuals are suffering greatly. We are NOT a hotspot, there is no reason we cannot allow healthy people back into the workforce. Vulnerable and those who are fearful can continue to self quarantine, if they so choose. Give the rights back to the people!
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Now Daniel Kelly	We have been patient supporting our state and your response . The data is in, time to reopen now . Your responsibility is to protect the health and economic health of your citizens. You are failing on the economy. Your unemployment delivery system is a total failure as well. Fix it! The effective date is wrong for thousands !! People need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Citizen Richard McAllister	Let's get back up and running. Continue social distancing. But get back to work. Thanks.
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Brenda McDonald	Please reopen NC for business allowing citizens to use their common sense to stay healthy.
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs Heidi Falls	Please reopen NC. It is not my responsibility to accommodate immunocompromised individuals. Those at greater risk of complication, associated with the virus, have the freedom to stay home or take extra precaution. My family doesn't need to do that for them. My husband continues to go to work as normal each day (thank God) so what difference should it make if my kids play a sport, visit a playground etc. This makes no sense.
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Joel Cooper	We need to reopen this State. This shutdown based on bad models, not supported by the data, has to go!
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Chuck Bradley	We have continued to keep our small business shut down for social distancing for past 3 weeks and will continue to do so until May 1st. We cannot continue to survive financially past that date and will have to reopen regardless of Governors orders. We have always been law abiding citizens who support our government and law enforcement. Please open NC back up so we can continue to operate as law abiding citizens. Thank you and God Bless the good state of NC!
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support		After looking at numbers, they do not justify our small business's being shut down after

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	Working Group		the april 30th deadline. There are small business's that have not received a paycheck or any help from the government in 5 weeks. Please consider the hardships that this is causing on the families. You nor anyone else should want this for our economy and for the people of NC
04/16/2020 11:55 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sally Sue	PLEASE reopen this economy. You are putting our family out of business for a less than 1% infection rate of the entire state. There is something more going on. Your decisions make no sense and overreach in extreme ways. The people of this state will not stop fighting for our rights and our economy. You're lying about the numbers and you're up to something political behind the scenes that few people can see, but believe me, we are catching on.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Health Care Working Group	Laura Hyder	We need our small businesses opened May 1st with precautionary measures! This is going to kill NC economy! This is the first time i have been disappointed to live in this state.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine Bonilla	#reopenNC People can self quarantine if they are concerned.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen Carmen John Limongello	We are a small health care business and are drowning the way the economy is shut down. Please consider reopening the economy with safety precautions. It is sad to see business being shut down all around us.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Gail Carucci	Governor Cooper, you need to reopen North Carolina now! We want to get back to our lives.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Katherine Klenovic	Open NC May 1....people's livelihood are dying...is the government going to support these families...no nor should it..let them work ...
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	John Trexler	The State of NC and it's economy needs to be opened in May. My county (Rowan) has .0014468% per capita cases of Covoid-19. This is criminal, what the governor is doing to this state.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Health Care Working Group		It is imperative that the state of NC be opened up again as soon as possible with common sense protocols put in place. The statistics and numbers have been skewed and while deaths have occurred, it has been nowhere near the projected outcome. Open up the economy and let citizens return to work and their daily activities.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	William Judge	Please reopen NC for business. These restrictions are not necessary across the board and are killing our state.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cathey Queen	We need to start reopening. If Walmart and Lowe's can have 20% of their fire rating then why can't restaurants and small businesses???
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Denise Jackson	COVID19 is affecting a very small portion of our state population. As of yesterday, there were 5,000 diagnosed cases out of over 10,000,000 North Carolinians. That's 0.05%. Even if the actual infection rate was ten times that many, you're still looking at one-half of one percent. As of a week ago, there had already been 500,000 unemployment claims filed - 5% of our population is out of work as a result of this shut down. This is a very real impact on many people. We must move forward through this - hiding in our homes is not a viable long-term strategy. Yes, actual lives are important, but livelihoods are as well. Public policy decisions are often made to weigh these sorts of seemingly conflicting interests. (For

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			instance, many people are injured or die every year in car accidents, but no one is banning vehicles.) Please quickly allow businesses to reopen, and encourage those who are afraid or vulnerable to take the additional precautions they feel necessary. Our small businesses and those who have lost their jobs as a result need a fighting chance to provide for their families.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Health Care Working Group	William Nesmith	I strongly Governor Cooper and both arms of the legislature to not be swayed by the lobbying attempts of RE-OPEN NC to curb or stop the safety measures that have been put in place to help protect us from COVID -19. We need to self-isolate, wear masks and face shields, maintain at least 6' distance, wash hands frequently, and the other measures. North Carolina and the U.S. are not in the clear. Stay the Course, and wash your hands! Thank you, William Nesmith, Durham
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Margaret Lee	With proper social distancing requirements, it is vitally important for NC to re-open after the executive order expires on April 29. Small businesses will be more mindful of requiring patrons to follow the rules than the large box stores that are allowed to operate. For instance, all grocery stores have done is put signs up of which direction to go and which door to enter and exit...guess what, people are still going the wrong way and not heeding signs. They never will. Allow small businesses the chance to survive and have our patrons actually follow the rules.
04/16/2020 11:56 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Roberta Robbins	Please reopen North Carolina for business.
04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Michael Bryant	#reopenNC
04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Jan Grillo	Set NC free! This shutdown is killing our businesses and economy. The numbers do not add up for keeping the state closed and people are hurting.
04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Gina Mounce	Please consider reopening Forsyth county for business. We are losing our small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy. The shutdown is not warranted, nor sustainable for our area. The vulnerable can be isolated or protected in other ways, without sacrificing our entire state economy.Thank you.
04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Joshua Adams	These EO's are overbroad and underinclusive, which means these orders are not constitutional. The governor also acted without concurrence of the Council of State to close restaurants illegally.
04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Frank Auman	Please reopen NC - quarantine the sick and ask elderly and vulnerable to shelter at home for their proection from this new virus but let under 65 and healthy back to work. Come up with other ways to protect the vulnerable and aslo get them essential safely delivered through volunteer efforts. Establish clear metrics everyone can view based on hospitalizations due to Covid that if they get to a certain level state-wide then we could go back into a lockdown similar to now until the numbers fall.

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04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Paul Stallings	There needs to be a soft opening with distancing restrictions and protective measures in place. The small businesses that the many small town and communities rely on simply can not take further closure! I personally know of several business that will not survive being closed longer than May 1, 2020!! Even with a slow start up I'm not sure they will even make it. They have struggled to continue to pay their few employees and have had NO relief with current economic stimulus programs offered by the Federal Government. They have not received notice of being awarded any funds and now the monies have run out!! These are businesses and JOBS that our community relies on to make it all work. Please find a way to get people back to work and the businesses open!
04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Health Care Working Group	Sarah Beaver	We need to REOPEN our state now! This is hurting our mental health, and physical health amongst other things! Far more people die from other reasons, its all sad but unavoidable! Leave it up to the individual people to go out or open their business. It is our constitution right and tyranny to keep us quarantined, we will not stand for it!
04/16/2020 11:57 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay at home orders Lakeisha Keahey	Please DO NOT OPEN NC. WE ARE NOT READY FOR THAT. WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TESTING AND TO HAVE A RESURGENCE OF CASES WOULD BE BAD FOR US ALL. THE ECONOMY IS IMPORTANT, BUT SO ARE AMERICAN LIVES!!!!
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Sawyer	Small businesses are suffering. Many will be unable to reopen. Many folks are furloughed, laid off and no longer have income to properly take care of their families. The economy is in free fall and the decisions being made by the governor will impact the people for a long time.
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Misty Caldwell	NC needs to open back up now. We have people losing businesses and livelihoods over this. We are going to lose far more to suicide, ODs and drinking themselves to death. Enough is enough
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Mark Denton	NC needs to be reopened now!! Small businesses cannot survive this
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Christy Stewart	#ReopeNC please allow the small businesses / self employees to open up May 1st. I have filed for unemployment 4 weeks ago ans still says " pending" we can not keep living with no income. It's time to open NC back up before people lose everything they have worked their whole lives for. Thanks
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Robert Peele	Please open NC businesses, beaches, and parks. This is not 1918, we are a technologically advanced society perfectly capable of dealing with this disease in a manner that does not lead to financial ruin which is the path we are currently on.
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC now Bryan Lesko	Unlawful stay at home orders are killing the state economy. We must start putting people back to work.
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Caroline McMillan	My family is suffering greatly from the shutdown of small business. We habe not receieved any form or assistance and our last income was March 9th. We need to get this economy going immediately or there will be a pandemic of biblical proportion in violent crime, murder, theft, property crime etc. Etc... Not to mention the suicide, domestic

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			violence and child abuse that will skyrocket due to a continued shutdown. We all know it will lead to the greatest depression ever seen..and how long it takes to recover a country. (If ever). Do yoir jobs. Quit interfering in our God given rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Listen to your conscience.
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Lolita Tripp	Please open NC for business. People cannot feed their families! The stimulus checks won't go to people like me because it's based on my tax returns...from when we were doing fine. We are not fine now. Please, please, please let businesses reopen.
04/16/2020 11:58 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Tim Lowery	Reopen NC. The citizens are financially hurting from this shut down. All NC citizens are essential. Put them back to what they do best. Making NC a place that others want to call home.
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ray Pina	Please reopen North Carolina!! We need to work!! Sick people can stay home, but this stay at home order is killing our economy not to mention our livelihoods. #reopennc
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Teresa Lindsey	NC needs to be reopened! Families are suffering and the stimulus money barely covers most people's bills that are out of work. The children that are out of school are not getting a good quality of life because they literally can't do anything. They can't even enjoy the great outdoors at the public beaches! This is just crazy when Walmart continues to be packed every day. Please reopen NC!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Education Working Group	Christy King	Please, allow businesses that can safely follow social distancing to reopen! My family has multiple health care needs we are overdue for that can't happen until dentists and eye doctors are allowed to reopen. They should have PPE and know how to use them. Numerous other small businesses would be willing and able to limit customers at any given time so that they can operate. Continued restrictions are hurting our economy! Hospitals are NOT overwhelmed, have not BEEN overwhelmed, and we have been well under the projections of hospitalizations since this started.
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Health Care Working Group	Jessica Harris	Please let us go back to work in May!! Our businesses and livelihoods can't survive this. We can keep the vulnerable safe. Do not let the rest of be destroyed!!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Dawn White	Reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Autumn Vernon	I believe it is time for NC to reopen. Business owners should be able to decide if they keep their doors open. EVERYONE should be considered essential. It's essential they feed their families and the families of anyone they employ.
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Sarah Sowers	NC needs to be reopened ASAP!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sandra Gleason	We need our State to reopen for the all the small businesses that are slowing going under!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mary Sauer	Please re-Open NC! We have flattened the curve, we have the equipment we need, the death rate is lower than the flu. It's time to open back up.
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms beth silberman	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful,

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			decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources pushing to "ReopenNC." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, as well as all other North Carolinians. Dying from COVID19 is an excruciating and lonely. Why would anyone wish an increase in this? A well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward would be just what the doctor ordered.
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Erika Torrence	Reopen NC!! My son is in the food service business and he is having a very rough time with this closure!! Let people decide for themselves whether or not they want to go out!! Open the beach!! I am an essential worker for the postal service and I have my yearly vacation reservation for May 2!! Please !! I need this vacation from all of this!!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Lisa Wallner	Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	NO MORE SHUT DOWN Amy Connolly	You do not have enough data to support this continuous shut down. You have ton of people that do not want the government to have a say in how we choose to support out household and financial status . You are ruining business and the North Carolina economy
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC! Jennifer Hall	How can you ignore the mental health crisis that this shutdown is pushing? How can you ignore the increase in domestic violence? How can you ignore that you are ruining small businesses across the state? Hospitals are empty and having to furlough their employees! What is your real agenda here??? OPEN OUR STATE NOW!
04/16/2020 11:59 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Mark Oesterle	Please reopen NC economy 5/1!!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	D F	Open NC More people are suffering from no income than have suffered from covid. I get that health safety is important but killing people and causing mental health issues from life savings and family businesses vanishing is NOT the way to fix this!!!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen NC. Keeping our state closed is doing more harm than the virus has and ever will. Our lives depend upon working.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon Barrow	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lori Prince	Please reopen NC for business as soon as possible. I am afraid the shut down could become worse than the virus. Please that people's livelihood in to consideration.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Amy Bright	My family has owned a small business in North Carolina for nine years. It is our primary source of income and essential for the lives of my family. We have received zero

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			government funding. We have the capacity to open and still practice social distancing measures and keep people safe. Please consider the reopen of North Carolina small businesses.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Denise Richardson	We need the allowance of businesses to open. Not the state picking and choosing who's business is more "essential" Several chosen as essential certainty are not. Ending the life of a baby is never important. Making sure you can profit from alcoholism is certainly not. Allowing businesses to operate doesn't mean they will all be flooded with people. We are now aware. As Americans we have by law been afforded the right to freedom - freedom to utilize the service of a business or to not.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Clark	Open up our state! This lockdown was meant to be short term in order to allow the medical establishments time to prepare- flatten the curve. Hospitals everywhere are furloughing personnel. I think the curve has flattened!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amelia Whitt	We support reopening North Carolina in the next two weeks. If not then we all know who needs to be voted out in the next election.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	beth silberman	North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured. The NCBE should move immediately to make this happen
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Frankie Sutton	North Carolina must reopen now. My rights under the Constitution are being trampled on. My son and his wife are both out of work. They have two children. There is no reason why they should lose jobs, homes, and hope. Use your powers and stop Roy Cooper from totally destroying our economy and our citizens.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kim Payne	Please Reopen NC by May 1 with guidelines in place. We have got to get back to work. Thank you!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Riley	re-open NC
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marissa Jones	NC needs a fighting chance please help us and do the right thing by the people! We the people are not stupid and need you to dictate to us to stay inside our homes. We are aware of how it spreads we wash our hands stay 6 ft away . By continuing the path you have us on you will take NC down a road of depression. People have the right to stay indoors and stay safe they do not have the right to take away the freedom of others to do so. If we can stand hours in lines at Walmarts and you deemed this safe we can walk into a small mom and pop shop to keep them going! I would like to support small business not those already making multimillions a year!!! REOPEN NC also we have a huge problem going on at White Lake NC they are not allowing nonresidents onto their properties they own or rent with permanent places on their lots!!!!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lance Gard	The plan to responsibly reopen North Carolina needs to be established and put into action immediately. The residents of our great state can, and will rise to the occasion. We need an effective plan and a coordinated effort to get back to normal. Whatever that looks like

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			we need to know and we need to work towards it together.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Wendy Frank	We need to get North Carolina back open. The sooner the better!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Keli Cable	Reopen North Carolina no later than May 1, 2020. Neither the data nor the Constitution support a continued shutdown. Small businesses are dying. As of yesterday, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department reported a 20% increase in domestic violence calls. As a public servant, it is your job to serve the public, not dictate to us. The cure is worse than the disease. North Carolina needs to get back to normal life (NOT a "new normal") immediately.  Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Annie Mayo	End the shutdown and reopen NC. The numbers do not justify the harm to our economy.
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen nc Chelsey Gazak	Reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 12:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Catherine Alexander	As a tax-paying citizen of North Carolina, I expect the legislature to support all citizens in weathering the devastating economic impacts of the coronavirus outbreak. This includes providing funds to under-funded businesses, if necessary, for paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers." I also support a repayment plan for businesses needing loans and legislation to require reserve funds for crises. The American people are sick and tired of learning about record earnings and tax breaks for the corporations and the wealthiest Americans and then having to bail them out because after their inflated pay, bonuses and dividends to shareholders, they've got nothing left. America needs a new business model--that is support for responsible business and allowing those who fail to prepare for downturns to go under. Actually, we are adopting the worst of socialism--propping up businesses with taxpayer dollars, from the same consumers who pay them for products and through the government provide them start-up funds. Let's take care, instead, of vulnerable individuals.
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sieglenda Starling	We need to reopen North Carolina businesses. Small businesses are a safer place to be than the big box stores and you are allowing them to function. Sends the wrong message to the small businesses that are the backbone to this country. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Beckie Stickley	Open NC!! This has to end!
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Judy Eggers	Please start reopening NC. Small businesses. Our country will not be able to last much longer with economy if it isn't done soon. Make baby steps but please get things started. We need to be able to go to dentists, eye doctors. Precautions to help spread of virus can be put in place and still open things back up
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Clint Cutter	Reopen NC

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04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Laura Seagraves	Reopen NC we need to get back to work and school!!
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group		You need to open the state back up so we can get back to work. Loosing my home here people open the dam state back up. Tell the sick and old to stay home let us get our bussness back open or their is going to be many jobless and homeless people in the state. We aren't blaming trump we are blaming you at the state level.
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Amanda C	The state has been "shut down" long enough. People just need to continue to practice proper hygiene and hand washing (we learned this as children) to help prevent the spread of this, the flu or any other stomach virus that is circulated. Respect this for what we know, common sense people!
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Stat! Jess Beck	We need to reopen NC Asap! Small businesses are suffering more every day that goes by . Our economy will take years to recover from this nonsense. You do not quarantine healthy people. That is called tyranny. If people are sick or have health issues they can stay home. The rest of the people need to be able to go to work and function normally. Please reopen NC ASAP! This has been a media/ govt induced hysteria over something that didn't need to be so worried over.
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ron Slone	We have got to open this state up. If we leave it closed much longer, there wont be anything to come back to. Dont delay/ Open now
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Amy Scoggins	Please reopen NC! Because people are financially struggling, family business will not be able to reopen the levels of depression, anger, increase in alcoholism, drug use, physical abuse and so much more are on the increase.' People to see their doctors, have surgeries that you do not consider necessary. I can't understand who or what gave our government the right to decide what is "essential" to individuals. This has created an economical disaster for NC and our country has a whole.
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Hannah Chan	We need to open the state before unemployment rate is 80%
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Joan Schalesky	We need to open Small Business. It is the safest place. We need to survive.
04/16/2020 12:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	NC Business owner Connie ParkMama Donnelly	We need to reopen NC - this is killing small business at a way more alarming rate than the virus can. We have our constitutional rights, you cannot just take them away. Running a country on fear and lies will only lead to its demise.
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jackie Kylander	The shutdown due to the COVID-19 virus is strangling small businesses. We need to reopen and reopen now! No one is forcing anyone to leave their homes if they feel unsafe, are elderly or immune compromised. For the rest of the population, work is essential, no matter the business or occupation. We are losing small businesses. Entire communities depend on things like tourism. Food chains are being interrupted. Farmers are being forced to thin herds or flocks because processing plants are shut down. We are truly throwing out the baby with the bath water in our over reaction. We cannot survive any lengthening of this shut down.
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Health Care Working	Lori Black	Reopen NC! We need to work and shop!

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04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rich Karabin	Need to lift the stay at home order and get the state back to work. I work in the construction industry and we have been able to keep jobs going with no issues
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elizabeth Bryson	Results of suicide, domestic violence, child abuse, alcoholism, drug use and many more drastic things are going to happen if NC is not opened back up ASAP. Governor Cooper needs to look at the devastation he is causing to the citizens of this state with his overreach of power. Many people are going to go hungry & homeless due to the fact of a failed phone system & no money coming in. Open up NC now, people with a weak immune system can stay home but the healthy do not need to be held as slaves & will not be.
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small businesses dying Laura Wilkerson	Our small family ran businesses are dying. I have a friend that will have to close his doors by the end of the month because he can not get any of the bail out money nor will a bank give him a loan. His employees have not been able to get through the red tape of unemployment because the system is overrun. These people are going to lose it all. What is being done for them? Where is their help. They have never asked for a dime from our government and it took having to swallow their pride to ask. They need help now. They can not wait. These businesses are the backbone of NC. Instead money is going to the corporate businesses like Ruth Chris Steak House who just recieved 20 million dollars to help them. How is that right? Please please help NC small businesses stay afloat. My friend will not be able to make rent on his building his landlord does not care that his business is not open. He has his life savings in this business. He barely gets a paycheck because he wants to make sure his employees have a living wage and now he and his employees are in danger of losing everything. Please please help NC small business owners.
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kylie Nguyen	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>Please REOPEN NC. Model projections and current hospitalizations all verify that the threat level posed by COVID-19 is overwhelmed by the destruction caused by Governor Cooper's executive orders. North Carolinians are suffering. Victims of domestic abuse, school children, part-time and minimum wage earners, refugees, citizens celebrating graduations and weddings, small business owners, single parents, and all of us face long-term damage as a result of the government's response to the pandemic. Meanwhile, nurses at local hospitals are unable to work because they are being called off due to low-patient numbers. Those same hospitals are closing down their COVID-19 preparations. The opposite of what experts promised has come true. Our hospitals are not overrun. Instead our vulnerable are further marginalized by economic suppression. Please respond to NC's current reality, not fear-mongering projections that have consistently proved false. You have the opportunity to restore faith in our communities, to aspire to the best of what American politics can be. Lead our state to reopen!</p>
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christy Jones	REOPENNC NOW!!!!
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Patrick Griffin	Please Open NC for business by May 1st...if not sooner. Protect the vulnerable and make a special request for those people to stay home- but the rest of us healthy folks need to get back to work and TRY to salvage our businesses. I know the NC people are ready to rock and your Sales & Use tax receipts will go through the roof. Use that money to keep

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			our health care workers stocked and protect those at the highest risk. Social Distancing can still be encouraged - but holding us down like this is unsustainable ... and YOU ALL SHOULD KNOW THIS! Do the right thing and give us back our freedom. Regards, Pat Griffin
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christina Roberts	We need to open up NC! My husband and I are small business owners and this is ruining all that we have worked years for, I do not need stimulus money....I need to get back to work! Please do not destroy the livelihoods or so many.
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen Kate Halsey	Reopen NC! Let the immune compromised stay home and we will help take care of them, but the healthy need to return to work! Our economy relies on it! Herd immunity relies on it! We need to reopen the state immediately!
04/16/2020 12:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tricia Mondie	#Reopen NC that we can get back to work & regain our rights
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Denise Morris	OPEN NC
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen NC. Our people will soon be dying deaths of despair. Small businesses provide jobs for over half the people in our state, and federal funding has DRIED UP for our small businesses. People will begin to starve if businesses are not permitted to reopen. The so-called "cure" is going to be worse than the virus. We do not want handouts, we want to go back to work. Gradual reopening with safeguards in place is a logical way to go.
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Timothy Murdoch	Reopen NC asap at least by county with some restrictions as in masks. This is crazy.
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor Terry Giles	Governor, I know God puts leaders in place. I am praying for you and I beg you to reopen NC. Please, life must go on, and we must no longer live in the shadow of fear, because God is sovereign. And please know our church is praying for you and your family. May God bless you and give you divine wisdom in this. Thank you. Needgod.com
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group		We need to reopen NC! This isn't just about money. It's about the constitutional rights given to all Americans!!
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Mike Stewart	State Representatives and Senators: Please consider reopening our economy soon. The reality of infections and deaths are already far below the projections. Our economy is suffering terribly. By some measures, now worse than the Great Depression. You constituents are suffering, Small businesses that are the fabric of our nation cannot afford to be shuttered for months. Just one month of lost revenue can be detrimental to a thousands of small businesses. Landlords are not able to waive or reduce rents. A \$1,200 stimulus check (assuming you qualify for that much) is nothing compared to the months loss of revenue experienced by small

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			<p>restaurant owners, hair salons/barbers, small retailers, and the like. Our hospitals are losing money by the millions per day...I know, I am a consultant to many NC-based healthcare systems. "Flattening the curve" was to supposedly lesson the blow to our healthcare systems from being overwhelmed by COVID patients. Well the census at most hospitals is well below average and many are considering layoffs of healthcare workers due to the limits on seeing patients for outpatient surgeries. This in turn is hurting many in our community that are suffering from damaged knees, hips, shoulders, poor eyesight, painful wisdom teeth and other oral surgery issues, and countless other operations that would improve a person's quality of life. This procedures are delayed indefinitely and people continue to suffer physically and mentally until they can be re-scheduled. Please bring an end to this senseless suffering. COVID is a serious issue, but it is being dwarfed by the issues this shutdown is creating. Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid 19 Margaret Higdon	Re open N.C.
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Nicholas	Reopen!
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Realtor Stacy Sparks	Please REOPEN NC and the beaches!! Small business owners and the restaurant industry are suffering needlessly!!
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ashley Ferguson	Our state needs to resume normal activities. Our local businesses are suffering tremendously! Every day shut down is impacting our economy and may well set us on a course for a greater depression then even our grand mothers and grand fathers lived through. It is time to reopen NC!
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Kathleen Gavan	Open up the NC economy now! There is no data supporting these draconian and unconstitutional measures of your EO.
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brian Bus	We need to do selective stay at home orders for the most at risk. The rest of the economy needs to be reopened so people can get back to work! We are setting our state on fire to save just a few people. The fallout from these horrible directives by governer Cooper will be far greater than the virus itself!!
04/16/2020 12:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jana Watt	NC should begin lifting the lockdowns immediately. Utilize phasing restrictions and reopen our economy.
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Noel T	<p>We own a small business and did not get a loan processed though we were one of the first to request it. We are healthy and have a family of five to support. PLEASE reopen business! Stagger openings with modifications so illness can be managed if it happens. Look at the data on recovery versus just infection! We can't hide from the virus until a vaccine is available!</p>
			<p>Scientists are sharing that treatments are available to reduce the deaths for the vulnerable with this illness. Allow people to make the choice if they want to risk illness. Take care of the vulnerable with restrictions at retirement and elderly care facilities. We have several friends who have tested positive and are now recovered! That data is not being</p>

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			publicized. The devastation and mental health risks if we can't earn a living are as critical as the risk of getting sick. We should have the freedom to choose. Please don't destroy our family for the fear of illness with a small, small risk of death. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Tommy Mcalister	Please open NC up, my business will have to shut down if we do not get the people of NC back to work. We have struggled with few sales for weeks now. The majority of NC residents support getting back to work. Thank you
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dashea Carlson	Please re open N.C. All of the models have been incorrect. Our hospitals are at low census. We have done our part not let us get back to our lives. Businesses and self employees are going under for no reason!
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Nikki Nunley	It's time to start testing citizens for antibodies allowing us to #ReOpenNC. This has gone on long enough and it makes no sense to continue to destroy our local economy for something less deadly than the flu.
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sharon Killion	Open NC for business!
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	JENNIFER SMITH	Please reopen NC immediately and let us go back to work!
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Justin Montgomery	We need to reopen the state as much as possible as soon as possible
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Joy Dettling	PLEASE REOPEN NC!
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Small businesses and the hourly workers that work for the school systems are being told they can't get any help and they continue to sit at home with no pay. #reopenncc
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Helen Lattus	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cynthia Poole	The state needs to reopen. People are not getting \$\$ because they are not working and the unemployment system can't process requests. Small businesses are not getting the help promised. Do not delay the reopening. The citizens of NC are smart enough to stay safe
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Please REOPEN North Carol Amber Youngblood	Please get NC's economy going again! You cannot keep us shut down and drive down all these important businesses! Quarantine the elderly and at risk, NOT the healthy!
04/16/2020 12:04 PM	Economic Support	Get Back To Work	Please end this over-hyped charade, reopen the state, and let us all get back to work. The

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	Working Group	Charles Beasley	NCGA is still posting modeling from the highly flawed IHME projections, and is basing decisions on seemingly incoherent scientific rhetoric. Please explain with it was necessary to shutter the majority of the state for a problem that has only affected 0.005% of the population. The long-term ramifications and direct abridgement of our rights will take years to rectify. End the shutdown.
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rocky Birchfield	Cease this unconstitutional, illegal and stupid charade. Stop interfering with businesses and constituents. LIFT the restrictions!!
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Catherine Alexander	As a tax-paying citizen of North Carolina, I expect the legislature to support all citizens in weathering the devastating health and economic impacts of the coronavirus outbreak. I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the Covid crisis. Let's take care of our vulnerable citizens, instead of propping up businesses with taxpayer dollars, money that comes from the same consumers who pay those businesses for products and and services, after having provided incentives for just existing in North Carolina. Let's start serving the people of NC as if they mattered.
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Stephen Pendergraft	NC is no where near NYC and other states with Covid19. It is time to start open your state back up. The untold impact of the mass unemployment that is beginning will be far worse than the virus
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Gupton	I respectfully implore you to please, in the interest of our economy and our freedoms reopen NC!
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Education Working Group	Vanessa Young	Please re open nc. This is detrimental to the state, to the economy and to the mental and emotional welfare of the people. NC must re open immediately.
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lynsey McDaniel	REOPEN NC! We need you to act decisively NOW!
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lenise Ramsey	Members of the General Assembly, please do NOT be bullied by our draconian Governor. Stand up for your people and OPEN NC NOW!!! We should not have to ask permission to live our lives and provide for our families.
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christy Zellman	Please reopen NC ASAP. Our people will soon be dying deaths of despair. Small businesses provide jobs for over half the people in our state, and federal funding has DRIED UP for our small businesses. People will begin to starve if we do not open businesses, and quickly! The current (& factual) numbers of those in hospital, "infected" & dying don't justify further closure.
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jennifer Harris	PLEASE reopen NC. People are suffering immensely because we are afraid of a virus with a death rate potentially less than 1%. So many more have lost their income, their businesses, than have been affected by this virus. My husband, who works for an essential business, found out today he will be put on furlough. These economic closings are having a domino affect, even for businesses that are still open. My teenage children are suffering mentally and emotionally because they have lost so many important rites of passage that they'll never get back (prom, baseball season, college). We can take common sense measures and create a balanced approach that doesn't demolish everyone's lives!
04/16/2020 12:05 PM	Education Working	Ms. Susan Moore	In order to assure that all citizens have the right to vote, please amend voting rules so that

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	Group		the NC Board of Elections is better able to respond to disasters such as a pandemic. Please make voting easier for all by providing an online portal where people would be able to request an absentee ballot. Please make voter registration available online for all eligible voters. Please assume the cost of mailing in absentee ballots to make the process easier for all.
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Reopen the state! We need to get back to work to provide for our families. It's time. We can't live this way any longer. It's destroying our economy and quality of life. Some small business will never recover from this.
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Elisa Petro	I support the rational opening of small business...accountability lies with the citizen. You've done your part to educate and inform...the decision to open and conduct business needs to be with the citizens. I impolore you to not think to take additional steps to infringe on personal freedoms and cause people to consider civil disobedience.
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Audrey Whitlock	My family's business is ruined. There will be no way my parents can reopen if this keeps up. I have a disabled child and we can not get therapy. Out of the goodness of my heart I am paying an employee who is not working because unemployment is not being paid and we have received no SBA Federal loans. I have preliminary tested positive for the Virus. I called Gov Coopers office to ask what would happen if I broke quarantine and I was told that I would be arrested. We do not arrest people with AIDs, FLU, Herpes, Mumps, Measles why would I be arrested? I am very confused and scared by this. How do I go get food for my family if I cant leave?
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashleigh Dippolito	Open NC back up! How are you keeping small businesses closed, but allowing ABC stores to stay open? How do you justify taking away our constitutional rights? How to you justify a shut down when children are hungry at home, they are being abused, women are being abused, the mentally ill are becoming sicker and others are developing new mental illnesses every day. Keeping the state closed beyond April 30 will be even more devastating than Covid-19 has been to date. REOPEN NC!
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Paul Carson	NC needs to be re-opened immediately. All of the facts and statistics support this action. Even in NY, the "hotbed" of COVID-19, total deaths are less than 0.1% of their population due to the virus. Total NC deaths are only 0.001%. Even the Governor has acknowledged a similar "outbreak" is not likely in NC due to vastly different cultures including far less public transportation and drastically more spread out population. Even if a similar "outbreak" occurred, how can you justify keeping the State closed when 99.9% of the population will be just fine. Killing out local economy is simply not worth it. Businesses will not survive much longer and the effects of an economic crash will result in deaths and financial ruin that will take many North Carolinians years to recover from, if they ever do.
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hayley Dimmette	It's imperative to small business owners and to our economy that we get our state back up and running. I understand the risks, but we are just hurting ourselves. Please please consider slowly opening our state back up. It doesn't have to be all at once. But we've got to get people back to work!
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Opening for business Brian Collins	NC is not New York. We can safely and smartly reopen our economy sooner rather than later.

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04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Mary-Belle Simmons	Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mindy Manis	People want to work and see their family and friends! Reopen NC
04/16/2020 12:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lisa Tate	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kaylie Halbrook	Please reopen us! Our small businesses are out of money. Unemployment and loans will not get our dreams back nor feed our families. People are in despair. We can open safely!
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amber Buchanan	NC residents need to be able to go back to work! Not allowing people their right to work to provide for themselves will end up causing more issues if this is continued. The NC numbers are far lower than expected which is great! But this also means you should be looking at REALISTIC ways to get our residents back to work so they can survive.
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Rankin	Open NC Now. Back to work no more shelter in place. Protect nursing homes
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rafidi	Reopen NC immediately!!
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Eileen Berry	Reopen NC! Our economy needs people to return to work! We have flattened the curve. The hospitals are not overwhelmed. Flattening the curve never intended to prevent everyone from getting the virus - just to keep the community from getting it all at once. The data being used to insist on continued lock down is not proving to be accurate. However the data showing the decline of the economy is what is growing daily. Reopen our state!
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah English	OPEN NC NOW
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Laurel Graham	Reopen North Carolina RECALL HITLER
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen nc Eduardo Rivera	I want nc to reopen asap cause my kids nerd schpol
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Rebecca Kelley	I am a small business owner in Southport. I have been effectively closed since mid-March and my business might not survive. I have applied for every loan available to me and nothing has come through yet. Please reopen NC. So few people are dying by so many of us have our livelihoods that we have put every penny we have into dying. Please help.
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Aaron Black	This needs to stop. You are violating rights and will be held accountable. You are causing more pain and suffering to the community at large, than the virus. ReOpenNC, or we will

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		ReOpenNC for you... The rumblings you are hearing are a warning.
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Health Care Working Group	Shari Tennant	Reopen NC! I am a dental hygienist and work for a group practice in Cornelius. The damage that this quarantine is doing to our economy is irreversible. Small business are closing for good and the recovery for the rest of us will be long and arduous! Please do not extend the quarantine past April 30th!
04/16/2020 12:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amanda Lambert	We need to be back to work now!
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Darla Revels	Small Business and Business can go back to work knowing to take all the precautions we need to. If we do not open you are looking at a much bigger problem than Covid-19. We need to trust God and move forward instead of living in FEAR!!
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Irene Beck	We need to re-open North Carolina's economy as soon as possible. The process needs to start on May 1. The basis for social distancing guidelines is to "flatten the curve". We have. The projected numbers of cases, hospitalizations and deaths have proven, once again, to be completely inaccurate. Even the top hot spot in the country, the New York City metropolitan area, is not seeing the numbers that were projected. The Charlotte area sought a 600 bed hospital facility to be built to help with the anticipated overwhelming of our medical facilities. They have now said it is not needed. In fact, we have doctors and medical staff being laid off in almost all areas. But we have small businesses (and large) suffering daily. How many small businesses will not survive? We have citizens who have not yet received unemployment compensation. We have small businesses that have not received any assistance. We can open our economy in a smart way that will balance public health with the need for people to get back to work. It's not one or the other. Please re-open our state on May 1.
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jim Kanuck	Open NC small business are suffering
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J H	Enough is enough. We've flattened the curve. Time to reopen NC!! Our economy can't take much more, let's get back to work.
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Rigsbee	Please open our state!
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hagen Fischer	Open NC
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Nikki Pennell	Open NC!!! And help small businesses that are new. We applied for the NC Rapid Recovery and were denied bc we have no cash flow. We are only 3 years in, have put in over \$200k and 3 years of unpaid hours and our business was ended the day NC shut down schools. LuRoos provides transportation to students. Our customers are devastated that we are going out of business. We have a high demand and are growing each year to try to keep up with the demand, but havent had enough years in business. NC Government robbed us blind by shutting everything down. I now have no retirement \$\$\$. Please help!!
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Lisa Reckard	Reopen NC!!!

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristine Featherston	Reopen North Carolina now!
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Maria Williams	Please reopen NC! The damage being done to families and businesses is not justified by Covid 19. To call this a crisis or state emergency is ludicrous. More people have been affected by and died from the flu than Covid 19. To allow tobacco stores to remain open and force the clothing store next store to be closed is ludicrous. These closures are not based on science and are against our constitutional rights. Allow North Carolina's to get back to work and take responsibility for their own safety and well being.
04/16/2020 12:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Vicente	Please re open NC for all businesses by next week the latest. People need to feed their families. The curve is flattened. Thank you!
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Corriher	Please reopen NC!! Those that delay this and play politics with our lives will be voted out. You can count on it.
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Lisa Gibson	Time to start opening businesses. Especially small businesses. Encourage those with underlying health condition to quarantine. Vast majority recover and many have mild symptoms. Think of the affect on those with mental health. There is a large increase in domestic violence.
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jessica Wooten	please reopen NC. The financial destruction caused by this continued shutdown is not proportional to the cases/deaths in our state. We have not had a shortage of medical supplies.. Continued shutdown just prolongs natural herd immunity. Shutting down the economy and people's ability to provide for them for a virus that has a 0.0048% chance of contacting based on our population just dies not make sense and hasn't been done in Any of our lifetimes. Deaths of despair, child abuse, domestic violence have increased and will continue as long as this state remains closed.
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open NC David Smith	Open NC back up!
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Debra Burton	Please RE-OPEN our state. The threat of Covid-19 is minimal in comparison to the risks of continuing lockdown. People will continue to use techniques to minimize risks of Covid. Those at risk or sick should self isolate. Do not punish the whole of NC's well being physically, mentally, and economically. Thank you, Debra Burton
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr John Pyle	The goal is to flatten the curve so our healthcare system is not overrun which has been achieved. Healthcare workers are actually being laid off. With that objective being met, reopen our economy. Do not change the objective to eradicate the virus before opening the economy. Do not move the goalposts. And do not base your decision on forecasts Based on data that has been consistently wrong to date. There are many risks in life. Any one of us could die in a car crash on any given day and we all know that and accept it. Nobody is asking anyone to stop the economy until a crash proof car is developed.

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			Restart the economy and let us live our lives in freedom. Stop suppressing our liberty. When you took your oath of office to uphold the constitution there was no "out" clause that said "unless there is a virus." The government does not have the authority to pick and choose when to uphold the constitution. It exists for everyone all the time. Do your job... reopen the government. The curve has flattened. Start our economy. The healthcare system is more than adequate and of handling remaining cases. By keeping the economy turned off you are actually making the healthcare system less able to handle the crisis. BE COURAGEOUS... OPEN OUR ECONOMY
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Kristen Helgesen	Reopen the state! The reports are wrong and grossly over inflated. First we needed more hospital beds so UNCC was going to offer dorm rooms for a makeshift hospital. Then that was more than we needed so the Convention Center was going to be used if needed. But Atrium and Novant said they don't need need additional beds so it's scrapped. This is unfounded hysteria that is bankrupting people and destroying the economy and lives. If your immunocompromised or scared, then stay home. Put on your mask and gloves to go out. The majority of people who had it were either asymptomatic or had mild symptoms. The survival rate is 99.9%. NC has 10,500,000 residents and 5,000 with CV. That is .005% We had 108 deaths or .02% of cases. We can't continue to destroy lives for that.
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Steve Cederberg	Open up our state! We need to get back to work! Coopers liberal policies are bad for business! ReopenNC
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Bolden	We want NC open for business on May 1. We can still practice safe social distancing without having everyone locked down. All business are essential in NC!
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Michele Hughes	Reopen our state by May 1st.
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Leigh Blow	<p>"Reopening" ignores the price paid so far. It risks wasting the sacrifices that so many have made for our common good.</p> <p>Our Governor says we will ease back to normal when we can test and trace effectively and when trends are heading in the right direction. We're not staying home forever.</p> <p>We're doing a good job, and for some people, that good job is a sacrifice I can hardly imagine. Please honor that sacrifice and don't throw away this good work now.</p>
04/16/2020 12:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lorie Brinkley	It's time to open NC back up. People are losing their livelihoods and I'm watching our state crumble for my kids futures. Open us back up with some common sense. Let people get back to work instead of just letting some work. Hair stylists can work in their salons and just use common sense - just use a mask and one at a time. Other things can be done this way too.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debbie Burke	Open NC . NC should NOT be closed any longer ..Enough is enough !
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Kimberly Herman	<p>We need to open NC back up. I understand the lockdown in the first place as a quick reaction as we assessed things and ramped up hospitals.</p> <p>The current risk of keeping things locked down is actually a greater harm as you have increased spikes in suicide and drug related deaths, increased calls in domestic violence and child abuse and you are throwing large portions of the population into poverty which will lower their overall health. Not to mention the cancellation of all medical procedures</p>

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			not deemed emergent lowers the health of all those seeking treatments. We are also injuring our small businesses that may not survive if we dont get them opened up right away.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Greg Seibert	We need to open up our state and country. Numbers are nowhere near projections even with no one staying home
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Donald Hollingsworth	It is time to end the stay at home orders and open the state of North Carolina to commerce. The current model is not sustainable. As economic activity dwindles so will tax receipts to the state. Also the longer a small business remain closed the more likely it will not survive. The current Wuhan corona virus is no different from the H1N1 swine flu and the SARS outbreaks in the past. I'm a member of the "at risk" population and I'm willing to adapt if necessary. Finally, when did the people who generate most of the income that you tax become non essential? Re-open North Carolina Now.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Pamela Carlyon	ReOpen NC! People need to be able to work!!
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Health Care Working Group	Sarah David	Please keep us home as long as we need to in order to be safe. Many people have made tremendous financial sacrifices and cannot earn a living in this environment, but their sacrifice has helped us slow the virus and protect our state's people. To reopen now or reopen rashly would throw away that sacrifice and dishonor the price so many have paid.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open NC! Dawn Goodwin	It's time to open up N.C.! Our families, our children need to be able to get back to their lives! This virus isn't going to go away, viruses don't do that. You are only prolonging this agony. Our economy is tanking and you can make the change to get it back to where we were! Open NC now!
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Peter Ramsey	Please reopen the economy today. Feel free to release all the guidelines and recommendations that you want, but allow businesses to reopen. The damage that you are doing to the people of your own state, purely for political purposes is immeasurable.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nadia Mercelis-White	It is HIGH time to reopen NC. People are suffering more from the economic and psychological effects of these lockdown measures than from the virus itself.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Heather Bullman	I strongly believe that we need to get NC reopen. We need to get people back to work. Continuing the lockdown will have many more affects on the people than the virus itself.
04/16/2020 12:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jake Cashion	Please work to get the state open. We need to get back to work. Many businesses are making safe and healthy work environments and doing so quickly. Thanks you.
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Education Working Group	Reopen NC Julie Shrader	Reopen NC! Shutting down the economy does not stop the spread. Keep immune compromised, and elderly quarantined, if it is their choice. This is not constitutional!
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Patricia Conway	Our business are dying faster than those who have been infected with Covid -19. We can put rules into effect to protect those who go out in the public.
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Health Care Working Group	Felisha Barbee	We have to open our economy back up! It has been a month and people are losing everything they have! I am a nurse and haven't hardly worked in 3 weeks! The numbers do NOT support the measures we are taking and you are putting more people at risk for

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			financial and emotional damage than the risk of the virus! If some businesses can be open and take precautions all businesses can be open!
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr James Coats	Open The Great state of North Carolina up for business
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Hornr	We need to reopen nc. People are hurting emotionally & economically. We can do this slowly telling people to use common sense. If they are high risk group they can stay at home. But it's not right making everyone stay at home because of a select few.
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Debra Parker	Open North Carolina!!! Now!
04/16/2020 12:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Earl Russell	The cure is rapidly becoming worse than the disease!
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Emily Shoaff	We need to start re-opening our state. We slowed the spread and now it's time to stop taking away the freedoms of citizens.
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Arlene Fortin	Re-open NC, please! Most small businesses can't take an extended shut-down.
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Education Working Group	Lonnie Speagle	It's time to end this shut down and get back to normal. We the people are fed up with the abduction of our civil rights
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Elizabeth Hall	Open NC!!!!!! We can still take precautions but be open for business.
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC Erika Todd	Please please reopen NC! This is an invasion of our freedom and liberties and a huge government overstep. There will be so much devastation by leaving the state closed....do what's right and REOPEN NC!!!
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Nurse Practitioner Jacqueljne Sharp	Please open our state back up for business!!! There are safe ways to do it.
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kylie Crowley	Reopen NC!!! It is our Constitutional right to work and provide for our families. The numbers don't lie-- it's time to open!!! We cannot hide from all diseases, forever. It is every citizens right to quarentine themselves or go to work.
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen NC. As small business owners we are seeing and feeling the significant negative effects of the shutdown. The case and death counts do not suggest the need for extreme measures.
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	RE OPEN NC Misty Holladay	REOPEN NC OUR PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING WE NEED TO KEEP TRUE TO OUR AMERICAN VALUES AND ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE.

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04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Janet Kennedy	Please have some reason and #REOPEN NC. We can all get masks, when we go out, stay 6 feet apart but this will not end until there is a vaccine which will take 12-18 months. Test every one for immunity. Stay at home order has not worked it still got into the nursing homes and that is where we failed. The state nor the country will not be here if we don't get some people back to work. There will be no state income taxes because no one is working. Therefore no salary for the government.
04/16/2020 12:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	mr charles nintzel	I support continuing the COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings. I acknowledge the economic distress this is inflicting on much of the population. I urge our legislators to stay the course, for now.
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jean Mauze	Please stay the course and follow Gov. Cooper's stay at home orders. Please do not limit testing so severely and ensure our medical and all first responders have adequate PPE.
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tamara Bunting	Please reopen ALL NC businesses. They can operate under the same restrictions essential businesses. It is time to recognize our economy is just as important to people of this state as their health. Families are hurting more financially and mentally now than those who have COVID-19. The state and federal governments are not the best providers for our families. We the people are the best providers for our families, but the state is currently prohibiting millions to go out and earn wages. We need to reopen ALL NC businesses.
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Krystal Karpf	Open up!!!
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor Jason Boger	I am asking for our leaders to open our state back to the people. Allow us to make decisions concerning our health and livelihood once again. Remove the restrictions from our business and churches. We the people voted on each of you to govern our state not dictate our freedoms. Let us the people make informed decisions without your politics and ideology influencing those decisions. Thank you for your time.
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Paraprofessional Lily Barham	Please re open North Carolina. I work with children and adults who have various disabilities. Shutting down the economy can effect peoples mental health in a negative way . It can lead to more outbursts, negative behaviors, increase suicide rates. Ect. It can also lead to more homelessness and it infringes on our constitutional rights. We can not allow the cure to be worse then the virus and cause more damage to our economy and to the people of North Carolina. I will not be voting for Roy Cooper in November or any one who chooses to take a stand against the people of North Carolina and against re opening NC. #REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Shannon Gardner	It is time to #reopenNC!! The population affected by the virus does not justify the actions taken by our Governor. It is total government overreach and it is destroying our economy. The most personal impact for me is that the medical community has been crippled and I was not able to get proper care for my disabled son when he moved it. We drove to South and got it.
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Taylor Couret	I want to be able to see my friends and go out. etc.
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support	Mr. David Williams	When all this is said & done this virus won't even be among the top five causes of death

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	Working Group		this year. Deaths of despair due to the economic downturn will far exceed COVID-19 fatalities.  ReopenNC!
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mollie Farris	The people of North Carolina have done a fantastic job flattening the curve. Now, the government needs to praise the efforts and start working to protect as many residents, citizens, and voters, against the despair that comes with isolation, lack of productivity, and their long term effects.
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Hannah Kendrick	Please open NC. I'm unemployed because of COVID-19 and the country needs to open back so people can get back to work,
04/16/2020 12:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Constitution Todd Fleetwood	Reopen N.C.!
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#Reopennc Marcia Blakely	North Carolina needs to be reopened now. You are taking our rights away from us and that is wrong. There will always be some type of disease/virus that kills people. It should be left up to the individual to do what's right for them and their situation.
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Margaret Gannon	Time to end the lockdown of our state. The numbers do not support it. Quarantine those who should quarantine and give freedom, which is ours, back to the citizens.
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Mark Joyce	Just asking for a safe way to Reopen the state for business.....remember "Small" businesses are the "backbone" of American business. Thank you !
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Erin Riggsbee	We need to open Nc back up. Small and large businesses across Nc and the nation are suffering. People want to work. The time to open is now.
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Kidd	I urge our legislature to support Governor Cooper's common sense measures to continue the stay at home order. Lives have been saved because of his actions, and will continue to be saved as the result of continued social distancing measures. Until we have the proper testing, tracing and trend information, dismissing the stay at home order at this point would negate all we've already done.
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Danielle Rose	I am writing to petition the NC State legislature to OPEN NC for business and to return to regular life. NC is not NYC and the death rate of this virus does not justify the draconian, tyrannical, unconstitutional restrictions on our rights to assemble, go to church, to work and to conduct our lives. These orders are fundamentally destroying the economy and people's lives. My husband, the sole provider in our family, was laid off because of these actions. Destroying the economy is not the answer. Teaching people how to strengthen their immune systems and protecting the most vulnerable is a better strategy. Broaden your sources of information and listen to epidemiologists other than from the CDC and

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			<p>WHO which are controlled by people with agendas that are contrary to US interests. See e.g., Dr. Ionannidis, a professor of medicine, epidemiology, and population health from Stanford University. <a href="https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/17/a-fiasco-in-the-making-as-the-coronavirus-pandemic-takes-hold-we-are-making-decisions-without-reliable-data/">https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/17/a-fiasco-in-the-making-as-the-coronavirus-pandemic-takes-hold-we-are-making-decisions-without-reliable-data/</a>. This lockdown is anathema to the freedom and liberty that are the building blocks of this nation. If our Constitution does not protect us in an epidemic, particularly one with a relatively low death rate, it is of no value whatsoever. When restricting constitutional rights, the government must act with the least restrictive means. There is absolutely no way, that this one size fits all, blanket restrictions, in NC which prohibit people from leaving their houses except to exercise or go to the store, which prohibits families and friends from visiting each other even in small groups, which prohibits "non-essential" (query who is really non-essentials?) people from WORKING, is the least restrictive means. This madness must stop before there we devolve into complete tyranny and an economic depression that causes significantly more death and destruction. PLEASE RISE UP, BE BRAVE, USE COMMON SENSE, DEFEND FREEDOM, AND ACT NOW!</p>
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John	<p>Small business is the foundation of many communities and their failure is never a good thing. NC needs to re-open. The numbers do not reflect a need to remain closed. Hospitals are not overwhelmed which is the reason the "lockdown" was instituted in the first place.</p>
04/16/2020 12:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	d d	<p>I feel we should start to open the economy while still washing hands and continuing to use some precautions but people must get back to work.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Kristin Kidwell	<p>We need to get our economy rolling again, implementing safety measures would be okay to start but we are being crippled by this, millions out of work many not getting any financial help. Families are becoming homeless and starving not to mention what it's doing to mental health in our state as well as substance abuse. We are making a much larger crisis. Please hear us!</p>
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Nc Patricia Cook	<p>Please reopen NC</p>
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Rebecca Darchuk	<p>Enough! Counties with few cases should tell those with low immunity to stay home. More people die of the regular flu. It is not worth destroying all our small and medium sized businesses for this.</p>
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor M M	<p>Please reopen the economy so people can survive; we can contain the virus in other measures.</p>
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy Messer	<p>I know how to take care of myself. Open businesses back up</p>
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Education Working Group	Merry Sadler	<p>Reopen NC</p>
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Christina Anderson	<p>Please start opening up the economy at the end of April. We need our small businesses. Personally my mental health is suffering bad. If you wait until June then there will be no reason to do so because nothing will be left. Governor you are damaging our State.</p>

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			Everyone wants to go back to work.
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Michele Coalson	Please re open NC small businesses are struggling!
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Camilla Price	Open up NC! We have a right to work! People can stay home if they like
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	susan clark	Please reopen NC. Small businesses provide jobs for over half the people in our state, and federal funding has DRIED UP for our small businesses. On top of that with stimulus checks arriving Walmart and Target etc still open for business, that stimulus money will be long gone by the time the small businesses are able to reopen. Many will never reopen if something isn't done now, resulting in health and safety consequences to 100s of thousands of people, more than the virus itself would impact.
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Aimie Stetler	ReOpen NC
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Get Is Back to Work! James Douglas	Please examine reliable statistics. NC does not have over 5K of ACTIVE COVID-19 cases. Many have recovered. Put the people back to work. If older people and people with preexisting conditions are at a danger then quarantine them...not the entire state. Thank you!
04/16/2020 12:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Anne Heath	Please please open up this beautiful state. So many people are suffering. Business withering and dying.
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lesli Andrews	NC needs to open for business. At this point, many businesses are already in bankrupt positions and the national funding has already been accounted for. There only hope our state has left is to reopen immediately. Numbers for the Covid do not add up and in the end herd immunity will happen no matter what. Bankrupting the state is a not the answer. OPEN NC UP!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Laura Lassiter	We must reopen immediately for the good of North Carolina and THE USA this is an infraction on our rights and the constitution! Please reopen NOW America is suffering mentally, emotionally and financially. Thanks so much!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Phil Arnone	Please start reopening our state! The 'cure' is proving worse than the disease!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Barbara Harwell	We need NC open! As long as the people who feel the need for quarantine want to, they can stay quarantined, but the NC general population wants to go about our daily lives. Reopen NC!!!!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marissa Ruffalo	Open up the economy!! People can still choose to stay home if they want to, but small businesses can get back to it!!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Boyette	It is time to open this State back up!! Open everything but schools May 1 st!! There is absolutely no reason to keep this state locked down when we only have 106 deaths!! Every life is precious but not worth millions of North Carolinians going bankrupt!
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Mrs. Carrie Thomas	Open NC

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04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Alicia Lanier	REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kari Peguero	Please reopen our economy and set an example for the rest of the country. It isn't nearly as bad as we thought. Don't let our economy collapse. Another Great Depression will be worse than this virus.
04/16/2020 12:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Amy Meacham	Open NC now!!
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group		NC needs to reopen immediately. Economic failure is going to cause worse (and longer lasting) damage than a virus ever could.
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Fircum	Please open businesses back up. We need and want to work. We will remember in November.
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Felisha Barbee	We need to reopen the economy! If an individual wants to continue to stay at home for their safety that should be their choice but the 99.8% of the population that would be fine even if they did get the virus should be able to make the decision to work! People are losing businesses, homes, cars, and money for food. There have been suicides from the stress of this! The data from this virus does not support continuing this shutdown!
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ryan Gallagher	I beg you to open the state back up for all economic activity immediately. I have seen firsthand many friends and loved ones lose their livelihoods and businesses due to this shutdown that has already accomplished its purpose, flattening the curve. Beyond the economic impact, I am seeing from many others a severe uptick in addiction relapses due to the inability to meet with support groups like AA. It has become clear the models we were given were overzealous and that our state is more than capable of handling this virus with our current healthcare infrastructure. The longer we wait indoors and away from one another the longer it will take to gain herd immunity to this virus.
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melissa Welborn	Please reopen NC. Let it be optional. Those who feel it is safe and are comfortable going back to work get to do so. Those who are at risk or don't feel comfortable can stay home. Please let those of us who are ready to reopen have that opportunity. Small business owners need to be able to go back to work to support our families.
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rob Kidwell	Our state needs to open on April 30.
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tiffany Simmons	Reopen nc
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Mrs. Kathryn Roach	Please support the reopening of NC businesses no later than April 30th. The economic impact on the state will be as devastating or more so than the effects of the coronavirus. The entire population of NC are being asked to sacrifice their financial, social and

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	Public Safety) Working Group		psychological well being as the only way to protect against a health crisis. I think we as a state are capable of managing our healthcare in multiple ways that can be helpful for all citizens not just the vulnerable. Reopen NC by April 30th!
04/16/2020 12:17 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Jessica Pendola	Please start to open the economy on May 1. The longer term impacts on the healthcare system are at stake. Hospitals and outpatient practices are hemorrhaging financially and many will not be available to reopen creating a significant access to care challenge. Health outcomes will deteriorate. Additionally, the economic impact will erode the health of our state creating larger demand for care without access available, especially in underserved communities. Our children in need of special education services are also in need of support for development and are falling greatly behind. I implore you to stick to the original objective we had and constituents agreed to - flatten the curve to keep hospitals from being overwhelmed. It seems we have shifted focus to eradicate a virus that is impossible.
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Kevin Hazlett	I am greatly concerned that if we do not begin systematically reopening businesses, the damage done to prevent the spread will far outweigh the damage of the virus itself. Struggling North Carolinians need to get back to work. Our North Carolina economy desperately needs our people to go back to work. Make measured steps to keep those most vulnerable quarantined, but do not quarantine the General Public. Thank you for reading my concern.
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Health Care Working Group	Lester Jenkins	Open the workforce back up immediately while we still have the opportunity to save the economy and thousands of jobs that we need to support our families!
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Middleton	I am a NC State Board Licensed Cosmetologist. As of today, I have been unemployed for 26 days. According to the city that I work in, once I'm allowed to return back to work, I will be unemployed for 48 days. Financially, this is a true hardship on so many in my field who are either a single parent supporting a family alone or a 2 income family like mine who depend on both incomes. Many in my field, like me, are still paying student loans on top of their essential living expenses. Many in my field are self employed without benefits and this has been a very hard hit financially. As NC State Board Licensed Cosmetologists, we are trained and tested in communicable diseases and the effects it may have on our clientele as well as testing and training in the efficacy of safety and sanitation in how we operate as cosmetologists. We are bound to the rules and regulations according to NC State Board in our daily operations which should be taken into great consideration of reopening our hair salons, our nail salons and our spas! I personally work with clients who suffer hair loss whether via cancer, alopecia or hereditary loss. My clients are in dire need of my services in the maintenance of their hair. It affects their image and their self esteem thus affecting their morale and jobs. I work with physicians, optometrists, therapists, nurses and many other clients in varying fields of work who need stylists like me back to work. I humbly ask for your time to consider reopening our NC salons, even if that means a soft reopen with restrictions!
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen Barbara Legrand	I'm about to lose everything I'm single and need my small business open more cases of flu have killed reopen

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04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen North Carolina! Jeff Cashion	Please reopen our state. This is creating problems that will be with us for years to come. Put the politics on the back burner for now and get this done.
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr John O'Conner	We need to Re Open North Carolina. Enough is enough. Businesses need to reopen.
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	- None - Carly coe	I am writing to ask that you NOT extend the stay at home order past April 30th. Families all over our state are hurting but not as initially anticipated. When the 30 day stay at home order was issued the virus was in our state for less than 30 days. We were unsure of what would happen, however, now that we have seen how the virus not only as played our in our state but other states as well it appears that not only had the fatality rate of the virus been over stated but the number of people being hospitalized and even infected by if is significantly less than predicted with the models being lowered almost daily. There is no shortage of hospital ventilators, no overcrowding of COVID19 floors in hospitals, etc. We need to open up our schools and businesses on may 1st. Small business all over the state our going under, people are not able to get "non emergency" medical attention (ie dentist visits, check ups, non-urgent procedures, preventative doctor visits ,etc), parents have been thrown into the role of teaching their children over night with out any real opportunity to prepare and while some are also having to work from home at the same time, people are subject to depression and anxiety due to isolation and fear the media has been pilling on us constantly, and most sadly children are being robbed of their childhood and milestone moments (high school seniors missing prom, graduation or even last few school days with their friends/elementary and middle school aged children too young to understand what is going on are celebrating birthdays without friends, unable to visit grandparents and other family, missing out on sports teams and other performances that they may have been rehearsing for all while not understanding why they cant simple go to school and be with their teachers and friends or even just go to a neighborhood pool or playground. Those children with unstable home environments may be falling behind academically, they may be hungry or in a constant unsafe environment. I understand the reason foe the initial order and I thank you for looking out for our well being but at this point I believe further shut downs are causing more harm then good. Allow the elderly or high risk to continue to stay at home if they wish but let the young return to work and school. Thank you for your time
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Walter Martin	The people of North Carolina are ready for our state to be reopened. The economic toll is enough at this point.
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Josie Rathbone	Reopen NC! This is getting way out of hand! It seems that our NC government is wanting small businesses to fail! Y'all are still getting your paycheck so you have no idea what we're going through! Salons especially need to reopen! People need to be able to keep up their appearances so they can keep up their professional appearance for the ones still deemed essential! We need to work! The people that more susceptible can choose to stay home!

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04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Nc Bryan Riggsbee	Please open Nc back up. Businesses are suffering and people want to work. Nc can't handle anymore and if the closure continues it will cripple our state. Please reopen Nc and let us go back to work!
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04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Scott Neiderer	I have emailed you a letter to re-open our state immediately! This shit down is unnecessary and unconstitutional! Only .0005% of NC citizens effected.
04/16/2020 12:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Right to Live Vanessa German	As a small business owner in this state since 2008, I want to work. I deserve the right to work and earn and support my family and not be forced to live on government support. Unemployment doesn't over my business overhead. The EIDL and PPP loans have not proved to be helpful to the majority of small/micro businesses. Quarantine should be reserved for those at high risk, not the healthy. The data does NOT support an economic shut down. I demand my constitutional rights to be restored.
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Misti Smith	You must reopen NC!!! You are killing our small businesses!!!! Let us WORK!!!  Those scared or at risk can STAY HOME!!!!
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	RN Amy Pegram	You do understand that a flattened curve contains the same volume as a peaked curve? We've achieved a flattened curve, avoiding overwhelming our healthcare system. (Viruses run their course until we have antibodies.) Flattening the curve was the goal, so now it's time to get back to work, including taking care of patients in need of critical, yet elective, procedures and treatments that may save their lives. #ReOpenNC
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Blackwelder	Reopen NC by May 1. People need to be back at work and businesses need to reopen. Let us protect ourselves.
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sue Look	Reopen NC. I do not qualify for unemployment and cannot find a job because my industry is non-essential.
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Linda Vandercook	Reopen our state. The current shut down is forcing a small group of working people to support a large group of non-workers, which is unethical and also unsustainable. We have the right to work!
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Misa Welch	Please let small businesses open back up! We have been open for 20 years and now have been closed for almost a month!! Our customers keep messaging and calling because they want to come tan & my husband and I miss them and need them or we will lose everything we've worked so hard for.. we have 2 kids to take care of with no income... please let us get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Casimer Marzec	Please re open North Carolina. By killing jobs and businesses you will be responsible for many deaths.
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Continuity of State	William Meissner	Reopen NC. We can still maintain helpful social distancing and other safety measures and

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		still begin the process of opening the state.
04/16/2020 12:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristy McSwain	<p>Dear North Carolina,</p> <p>I am in favor of #reopennc As a small business owner, I have not had income since December 2019. My business created bath and body products for women and men of all ages and relies heavily on participating in craft/vendor shows and festivals to provide an income for myself and sustain my business. My calendar for 2020 was booked with a show or festival every weekend in March, April, and May and beginning of June. However, since the lockdown and media frenzy began scaring people to stay 6 feet away from others, every single event was cancelled, not rescheduled BUT CANCELLED. I only have 5 months worth of reserves for my business to survive. That is coming up soon and then I am broke. No thanks to the state or the government, there is no aid coming to my household. Please do what is right, protect the oath you took when placed in office to serve the people (that means you do what majority wants not what agenda your political party is currently pushing). You have already tried to strip away the First and Second Ammendments, BUT WE THE PEOPLE are fed up of your nonsense and will only take so much before a American Revolution takes place. Remember that we do not need an election to take you out of office. We know our rights but fear that you don't care about that. Change is coming, whose side are you going to be on?</p>
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Devon Watts	I urge the Governor to reopen NC no later than May 1. Our small businesses cannot continue if we are shut down much longer. My unemployment has run out, but I cannot reach the office to get it extended. I have a place to go once everything is open, but that may change if the governor extends his order. Reopen NC and let me go back to work!
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mary Burton	We do NOT have the numbers to support continuing this shut down. The economy and people's lives are being ruined over this situation. We cannot rely on skewed statistics or MSM false videos and stories to give us reliable information to continue this shutdown. Nurses are being furloughed and flexed. The hospitals are NOT being overwhelmed. It's time to get NC back to work and back to their normal lives. Not a "new normal".
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Jack Marshfield	It is time to ReOpen NC. The bogus models for this disease have been tossed out. The FACTS are coming to light, no longer hidden by democrats, rinos and the media. This disease, while serious, is not the planet killer that some are making it out to be. The States role should be just like the FED. Encourage changes in habits like hand washing, changing clothes, shoes off and the door, masks in public,... if you like. Mandating such things and then closing businesses and putting Citizens on house arrest under threat of summons, and/or arrest ARE NOT what The United States was born from. These are acts of tyranny! The disclaimer below say that I am "allowing" my statement may be made part of the public record. But I wonder if I will find it there. It is your DUTY to uphold and protect the United States Constitution and the Constitution of North Carolina from enemies both foreign and DOMESTIC. At least that was the Oath I took over 40 years ago, which I have not reneged on.
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mona Fitch	Killing the Economy is killing the people more then the virus! It will not stop until it has circled through ! You are not stoping it just delaying it !

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04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lisa Steinkamp	It is time to reopen our state, this shut down is hurting many more people than helping. With all these shut downs your are destroying peoples financial security, education, and mental health. Common sense needs to come into play. Government overstep needs to stop. Give people back their constitutional liberties and freedoms. People who are nervous or vulnerable to this virus should be given what they need to protect themselves without taking about the liberties of others.
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bonnie Greene	Reopen NC - numbers do not warrant this kind of shut down. The economic disaster will be far worse that the virus ever thought about being.
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Teresa BLAKE	Please open NC back up. Let those who are afraid to go out stay home. Those who have small businesses and have lost their jobs to Covid-19 please allow them to open and to return to work. There are so many that are going to lose everything, home, cars, families and even life. Please allow us as North Carolinian's to use our own judgement for our own safety. Give us credit that we are smart enough and able to be responsible for those of us in this matter. Thank you for your time.
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen C	We need NC to reopen, our economy will be irreparable if we don't get small business back running. Use masks and gloves if you need to, by May 1.
04/16/2020 12:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Nc William Riggsbee	We need to open NC back up for business. This shutdown will cripple our economy. The time to open back up is now. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Education Working Group	Anca De Leon	We need to reopen NC. Quarantine the sick and let the healthy folks back to work. Our bodies will build immunity and flatten the curve in a healthy way.
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Opening certain busnesse BEn hAdley	Need to open up gyms and salons and beauty places. Not many people in at a time much less go there than are in grocery stores and Lowe's home improvement. Would be a great start to get back to going and give people some hope
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Angie Patterdon	Open NC! We need our freedom and lives back!
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Nicki Ragland	We MUST work to reopen NC. It is imperative we allow citizens to get back to work and start to take the burden off our economic system. We absolutely need to stop the bleeding of the economy, and start to heal.
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Melton	Reopen our state! Businesses are shutting their doors for good. This cannot go on any longer!
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr paula stapleton	Please allow us to re-open our business. As a business owner I will continue to social distance my patients in my office and take the necessary pre-cautions for their continued safety. I think restrictions should be recommended to elderly and at risk patients. Please allow us to re-open our business in May or many of us will not re-open and unemployment will have to continue for employees who do not have a job to return too.
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Michelle Boyce	Re: Reopen NC!  I have a degree in mathematics and medical licensing. I can read the numbers and interpret the statistics and I see that you're making decisions without data to back it up.

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			<p>You've been elected to uphold the constitution and represent the people of NC and you are doing neither! We were past the peak of illness before the shutdowns began, these numbers do not warrant any intervention, just as they never have in the past during comparable flu seasons.</p> <p>Our freedoms and personal liberties are not contingent on a health measure such as an antibody test or vaccine. You have zero credible science to back up these threats. Lift the bans and let NC free. People who are afraid can voluntarily stay home.</p> <p>If this was truly about public health, you'd be educating citizens on nutrition and health to reduce impact of illness, and creating access to the fresh food and supplements to make that possible. Health doesn't come from hiding indoors and crashing economies.</p>
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC	Reopen our state now! Stop with the political bickering and do your jobs!
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC Delores Harris	Open NC now!!
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathy Chapman	<p>North Carolinians need to be able to open their store fronts and citizens must be able to exercise all their constitutional rights. All business is essential business in that it supports their and their employees families, enabling them to pay vital bills and out food on their tables. Citizens of North Carolina are smart enough to think for ourselves and to make necessary decisions concerning our health care without government interference. I also believe the online school infrastructure that has already been set up should be left in place indefinitely for families who feel they are better served by having their children educated at home.</p>
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lynda Leslie	Please, reopen NC, now!!
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Jennifer Slechter	<p>As a health care provider and a small business owner I am pleading with our state government to all NC to open again. We have incredibly low numbers and I fully support doing this in a smart way so that we can protect those that are most vulnerable. The negatives I see to staying closed: 1- Mental health issues, 2- Alcohol and Drug abuse due to stress and isolation, 3- the longer we keep the curve going (before we hit herd immunity) the longer our seniors and most vulnerable are in the danger zone of exposure, 4- the negative economic impact. we cannot get SBA loans and at some point unemployment is going to run out and people need to be able to put food on their table, 5- think about domestic violence victims and children that are being abused and how they are stuck at home with nobody checking on them- they are vulnerable! Some people can't stay safe when they stay home!</p>
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Brian Smith	We need to reopen this economy, the trickle down of all of this closure is rapidly becoming to great to pull out of.
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jane Teachey	Please begin to re open North Carolina to allow citizens to return to work. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Queen City Quality Corp jeff McGalliard	Reopen NC!

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 12:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kelly Bisette	I am a dental hygienist and this shut down is severely hurting the dental industry as a whole. Most dental offices are small businesses and they are hurting as this shutdown continues. We need to get back to work, helping people.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cindy Tonnesen	For the majority of our citizens with healthy immune systems, please open up our economy and let people get back to work and back to normal. For anyone with a compromised immune system, I believe the best thing is to keep them in quarantine for their own safety.  The economic fallout may pass the point of no return if we don't give out healthy citizens their freedom to earn a living.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Education Working Group	Kristen Warner	Open NC!
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group		The enforcement of the governor's stay at home order is a direct violation of at least the 1st and 5th amendments to the US constitution. And restricting private businesses from providing goods or services based on the very arbitrary criteria of them being essential or non essential is a violation of the 13th amendment to the US constitution. All of this is without even mentioning the economic ramifications of this tyranny. The state needs to reopen and small businesses which are the backbone of our local economy need to be able to operate again asap.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen now!	We have the right to work. Open now! Open smart!
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Julio De Leon	It is time to ReOpen NC. The bogus models for this disease have been tossed out. The FACTS are coming to light, no longer hidden by democrats, rinos and the media. This disease, while serious, is not the planet killer that some are making it out to be. The States role should be just like the FED. Encourage changes in habits like hand washing, changing clothes, shoes off and the door, masks in public,... if you like. Mandating such things and then closing businesses and putting Citizens on house arrest under threat of summons, and/or arrest ARE NOT what The United States was born from. These are acts of tyranny! The disclaimer below say that I am "allowing" my statement may be made part of the public record. But I wonder if I will find it there. It is your DUTY to uphold and protect the United States Constitution and the Constitution of North Carolina from enemies both foreign and DOMESTIC. At least that was the Oath I took over 40 years ago, which I have not reneged on.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Education Working Group	Kristi Saunders	It is time to reopen. Our country, our state cannot survive otherwise. Yes, we need to exercise caution and common sense. Those with compromised health issues should continue social distancing.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Morgan Ryerson	As a lifelong NC resident and a small business owner I am submitting my request to end the shut down and allow businesses to reopen. With the small business loans being out of money and owners of stores and local businesses struggling we need to desperately get our doors open and working as soon as possible! We have reached the peak of this virus and now we are in the mitigation phase. We are respectfully request for you to allow us to open back up on May 1st or sooner! Thank you!

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04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Gretchen M Wood	We are earnestly encourage you to gradually open our state. I don't see the need to extend opening beyond May 1st. Let small businesses and low affected areas should be able to open.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Christina Canosa	Please reopen our state!! Our small businesses cannot survive this economic shutdown! And our state cannot survive without our small businesses!! #reopennnc!!
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please re_open NC april Borland	please re open the state. The economic devastation will cause more deaths than civil 19 if you continue on this path. Families and children. Are suffering greatly from the decisions you are making.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please re_open NC april Borland	please re open the state. The economic devastation will cause more deaths than civil 19 if you continue on this path. Families and children. Are suffering greatly from the decisions you are making.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Barbara Rowe	Please reopen North Carolina businesses (especially small businesses and restaurants) as soon as possible. May 1 would be a good date. It is possible to comply with social distancing as requested by the federal government. North Carolina statistics on covid-19 deaths is not severe enough to destroy the economic lives of North Carolina citizens.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Glenda Drum	Please, Governor Cooper, open NC! At the very least , please do this as soon as President Trump makes the "open this country" declaration. It is not fair for you to pick and choose "essential" and "non-essential" businesses. People are quickly losing their businesses.
04/16/2020 12:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Julie McGlinchey	It is time to open NC up and put our small business owners back to work. The vulnerable can stay quarantined as long as necessary, but the danger has passed fir the majority and wee need to get our economy going again.
04/16/2020 12:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Donna Duncan	North Carolina COVID 19 numbers as of today 4/16/20 @ 11am. Completed tests: 70,917, laboratory-confirmed: 5,465; Deaths: 131. This is not a pandemic in NC. Now use common sense and OPEN UP OUR STATE! More people are going to suffer and die of depression and suicide than of COVID.  Open our state up and let the living live and work and support each other. Quarantine the sick! This is tyranny! This must stop.
04/16/2020 12:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Angela Eichenlaub	Please open the state back up May 1st! Being a single income family with a husband who's job is considered non-essential and having 4 kids, we can't make it without the state opening back up! Please don't allow the problem to be worse than the solution. The Covid numbers don't justify this kind of hardship being put on our people. More people will die if our state stays in lock down than from the virus. Quarantine is when you restrict movement of sick people. Tyranny is when you restrict movement of healthy people.
04/16/2020 12:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Barrington Boyd	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/va.shiva.ayyadurai/videos/807183449773495/">https://www.facebook.com/va.shiva.ayyadurai/videos/807183449773495/</a>
04/16/2020 12:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Mrs sandra mclamb	We need to reopen North Carolina this should not be political

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 12:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Amy Lane	REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 12:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jamie Patrick	I am a registered NC voter. We need to Reopen our great state of NC no later than May 1, 2020. This shutdown is having far and reaching deliterious impact on our family, our city, county and state. We need to get back to work. Reopen NC now.
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Alain Patrick	<p>Dear Sir, Madam,</p> <p>I am a registered NC voter and will exercise my constitutional rights. We need to re-open this great state no later than May 1st, 2020. This shutdown is having far and reaching deleterious impact on our families, cities and state. We need to get back to work, Re-open NC now!</p>
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kelly Sherin	Please reopen NC! We need people at their jobs earning money to feed their families!! Even if you require everyone to wear a mask just please reopen!!
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Annette ODonnell	We need to open our businesses back up! Economic collapse will kill more than this virus.
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner of a small business Karen Johnson	Please open NC. We have small businesses and need to make a living. Our businesses will not sustain being shut down any longer.
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Traci Rimer	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please, for all the small businesses that are failing, reopen North Carolina.</p> <p>Traci Rimer</p>
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jennifer Johnson	Please REOPEN NC! Keeping businesses closed is bad for our economy. Bad for our state. Bad for the mental and emotional stability of our residents. Bankruptcy and suicide will cause more deaths than will be saved by keeping our state closed.
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Matt Cuda	I want to go on record as saying that we need to re-evaluate what non-essential means. I was on board with social distancing and working from home when we can. Where you lost me was when the Governor blatantly disobeyed his oath by arresting a single protester for exercising her rights guaranteed under the NC State Constitution and the United States Constitution. To my knowledge, we have not suspended habeas corpus or have declared martial law. This is a blatant violation and he should be made to apologize to the American people. The governor does not have the authority to simply disregard these documents.

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04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Meredith Flacks	Re-open NC! Small business owners are going to lose their livelihood. The unemployment system is not working. Re-open NC!
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Shannon Gamber	Please reopen NC. Senator Kennedy said today "we cannot burn down our house in order to save it." Let the immunocompromised population quarantine as they see fit and let the rest of the population free to live their lives. The state will not have enough unemployment money to get us through a full lockdown until a vaccine is available.
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melanie Burgin	Our state needs to reopen! Let businesses open so that you don't see people losing their way to support their families. If not, more crime and more suicides will be our reality. Let people work!!
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Amy Lane	REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina Hicks	Open North Carolina back up!
04/16/2020 12:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Tami Brim	As a taxpayer and small business owner please consider us in your decision making process. We need to work. We want to work. Unemployment is not being given to us as promised. Most of the self employed have yet to receive stimulus checks. We are drowning here. I have a small one person salon that is safer than any big box essential business still allowed to operate. We are in fact governed by the state board out of Raleigh! We are educated in sanitation and air borne pathogens. We have to be. We can not survive another shut down. My family and others like me depend on our small businesses.
04/16/2020 12:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid 19 Ted Siewers	Please reopen N.C. and allow people to get back to work. People will die from suicide, alcoholism, addiction, and depression. This will be from isolation and not being able to pay bills due to this shutdown. The goal was not to overrun the hospitals and that has been accomplished. ReopenNC May 1, 2020
04/16/2020 12:25 PM	Health Care Working Group	ReopenNC	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 12:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Laurie Lynch	PLEASE Reopen NC. There were over 24,000 deaths from the flu this year. We did not shut down the country. There were over 1 million deaths from car accidents. We did not stop driving. There is NO reason to shut down our state and country right now - so long as we are not a hot spot- and North Carolina is NOT! We The People need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tabitha Dawes	This is unconstitutional anyway you look at it. You work for us, allow us to work for our families!!!! We do not want some government handout....we want to work!!! The constition still stands! Our country was founded to withstand tyranny. Open up NC!!!!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Cathy Ernst	I want to thank everyone that has helped to slow down the spread of covid19. But I have friends and family that are financially suffering and it will only get worse if the state stays closed. Please consider the families who are struggling right now. It's more than just

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			opening businesses, it's the people of NC trying to survive.
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Cheryl Pigott	ReOpen NC immediately!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Lichtenstein	A friendly reminder that you all work for and represent us. It is possible to open up the economy and be safe. We just need the chance, before it's too late!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa Wilkins	Re-open NC!!! I'm tired of my constitutional rights being taken away from me!!!! This virus isn't going away so we need some exposure to build an immunity against it. You are hurting this country more than you're helping it. This is supposed to be a free country. You do not have the right to take our freedom away. Those people who are afraid, let them stay at home if they so choose. It's their FREE CHOICE !!!!!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Candy Beck	Get this economy going! Sure there will be a risk, but we've proven that our hospitals will not be overrun. We will all have to weigh the risk and that is not up to the government. They are not our parents nor our caretakers! We will decide for ourselves.
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Katie Goforth	Please reopen NC. This is not the America that I love (and that is described in our Bill of Rights). Let our immune systems do the work. Let the vulnerable stay in to avoid the virus as they would with any virus. We need to get our people back to work!
04/16/2020 12:26 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Kathy Chapman	North Carolinians need to be able to open their store fronts and citizens must be able to exercise all their constitutional rights. All business is essential business in that it supports their and their employees families, enabling them to pay vital bills and out food on their tables. Citizens of North Carolina are smart enough to think for ourselves and to make necessary decisions concerning our health care without government interference. I also believe the online school infrastructure that has already been set up should be left in place indefinitely for families who feel they are better served by having their children educated at home.
04/16/2020 12:27 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dorothy Diana, RN, MSN	As a nurse, educator, and mother of three with an undergrad in Biochemistry etc... I support a reopen of NC so that the devastation from unemployment and civil rights violations cease, as the damage will far outweigh physical impact of this virus. Infections will continue to come, and until we focus on wellness and prevention, health stats will continue to be appalling for the US. The government is stepping on the constitution and not taking steps to better the health of its citizens currently. I stand for sheltering of the vulnerable, and supporting the rights of everyone, as we are all essential!
04/16/2020 12:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open North Carolina Randy Brogden	North Carolina just as many other states has been majorly affected by this virus, but we have got to let people get back to work. People need money small businesses are taking a beating and the state of North Carolina cannot continue to survive like this. Mr Cooper do you understand the bill of rights because obviously you don't I would suggest you spend your quarantine time reading because you have taken away the people's rights. You continue to disregard the majority and it's going to be a uprising like you've never seen
04/16/2020 12:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mark Melton	As a veteran and life long resident of North Carolina I am disgusted by this attack on our constitution and bill of rights, the constitution doesn't say except for public health it says shall not be infringed we can make our own choices. In some of my counties declarations and the states it said things we aren't and are allowed to do, the government doesn't determine what I'm allowed to do the constitution does, open our state up we the people demand it Sincerely a citizen Marine SEMPER FI

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04/16/2020 12:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Natural exposure to a wild virus is healthy and the only way to create real immunity. Small businesses have suffered enough. It's time to get back to work! Reopen our state!
04/16/2020 12:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Elmer Dymott	It is time to ReOpen NC. The bogus models for this disease have been tossed out. The FACTS are coming to light, no longer hidden by democrats, rinos and the media. This disease, while serious, is not the planet killer that some are making it out to be. The States role should be just like the FED. Encourage changes in habits like hand washing, changing clothes, shoes off and the door, masks in public,... if you like. Mandating such things and then closing businesses and putting Citizens on house arrest under threat of summons, and/or arrest ARE NOT what The United States was born from. These are acts of tyranny! The disclaimer below says that I am "allowing" my statement may be made part of the public record. But I wonder if I will find it there. It is your DUTY to uphold and protect the United States Constitution and the Constitution of North Carolina from enemies both foreign and DOMESTIC. Do your job.
04/16/2020 12:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. PAMELA DAVIS	Please, for the sake of small business owners, we need to open back up on May 1st.
04/16/2020 12:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Elizabeth Hyder	Reopen NC to avoid further financial and emotional impacts of the families you serve. The data coming in demands that restrictions be removed and allow NC to go back to work. We are complying but not looking for handouts, we are taking care of each other, feeding each other; everyone's right to work should be restored at the earliest possible date. Let the local municipalities determine our regional needs during this unprecedented time, as they know the risks effecting us locally. We are not NYC, no where else in the world is seeing those inflated numbers. The restrictions placed on us, based on fear and not fact, is more detrimental to our great state than the "said" rewards of over precaution. Write policy protecting those who wish/need to stay home and allow the healthy to return to work without fear of persecution.
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Stratton	Please DO NOT OPEN NC's economy until we are passed the threshold of overwhelming our healthcare system or until NC residents can be tested to know if they've been exposed to the virus and have recovered. Those have tested positive can return to work, while those who test negative (and who may still be at risk of contracting the virus) can determine what risks they are willing to take depending on their individual situation.
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Its time to reopen NC Drew Wilbon	Its time to reopen NC!
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ASHLEY THEIS	I want NC to reopen ASAP
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Brenda Wheeler	With all do respect I ask that you reopen North Carolina. Millions of people are suffering severe financial loss as a result of the orders that have been issued due to COVID 19. Our constitutional rights have been revoked. The citizens of this state are now fully educated on this virus and know how to protect themselves from it. Those that are vulnerable to

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			<p>this virus are responsible for their own wellbeing just like those that are not. There are plenty of resources available to assist those that should remain quarantined because of their vulnerability.</p> <p>The true numbers do not support the extension of the shutdown. Please do the right thing and reopen this state.</p>
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Caroline Fleming	As a small business owner who has now been shut down for over a month and losing revenue weekly, we need NC to reopen. We own a wine tour company so we are losing money as well as the local vineyards. Many will not survive. This cannot go on. Many small businesses are owned by people who have spent YEARS building and working for what they have only to see it destroyed in a few short weeks. You are harming the economy and taking away people's constitutional rights. Please reconsider the ramifications this is having for so many more than are being infected by the virus.
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Shannon Raht	As a resident and tax payer in NC, the NCGA needs to lift the stay at home order and allow people to return to work. Open our state parks back up and allow our children to go back to school. The results of the stay at home order are going to be more detrimental than the virus could ever be.
04/16/2020 12:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jeffery Davis	Please we need to open up for the sake of small businesses and the economy in NC.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Please open our state. Even staff members who work in Public Health understand the importance of opening the state up. Stay at home orders were never intended to stop COVID 19, they were in place to "flatten the curve". It has to open back up for herd immunity to eventually happen. Open it back up.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Michelle Hill	It is time to reopen NC. This is too much. Let us as grown adults make our own choices and give us our freedom back.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Travis Dail	Health and the economy go together and NC needs to start opening up the economy before we create an economic depression and cause much more harm than the coronavirus. By now there should be enough data to show which areas and the age groups that are least affected that can be used to begin the opening process. Use the data and start reopening the economy now before the mitigation measures cause greater harm than the disease.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please Open Back NC Shannon Currin	Please consider opening N.C. back up. The negative economic impact is going to kill more than the virus, if we continue much longer. Families are struggling, businesses are struggling. We have got to keep North Carolina moving FORWARD.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christe Narron	I'm an appraiser in NC and have been for 21 yrs and the impact being shut down is killing our economy! We were thriving and now we are hitting rock bottom! Not to mention our civil liberties and freedom is being stripped! This has to stop! People need to have the right to..... fill in the blank here! Because that's what's important! Just having the freedom and right!!!! It's what our nation is built upon! What people died for!
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Paul Revere	Stop destroying small business, allow us the freedom to work.
04/16/2020 12:29 PM	Economic Support	Mr Andy Pigott	We need to ReOpen NC immediately. No more delays!

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04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jacquelyn Griffin	Reopen NC! As part of a small business this is hurting us tremendously and would love to see things go back to normal as soon as possible!
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Craddock	Need to open businesses and let them control safety measures...enough is enough
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Angela Cannon	You need to reopen now! Did it ever occur to you that the reason many do not want you reopen is because they are making more money sitting on their behinds than if they were working!! I guarantee you that 95% of small business owners want to open!! Our state will go bankrupt! Open is now!
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ilna Matteson	Please don't continue denying our civil liberties over a virus that can easily be managed. These restrictions are bankrupting families, shutting down business and destroying our trust in government. Let people make decisions for their health on how to manage their risk. What's happening is beyond belief and a complete over reach. This will not be forgotten in November!
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karyn Randolph	Please reopen NC. Please allow the citizens to choose. If they are compromised and need to stay home they can choose to do so. Those of us who are healthy need to get back to work to support our families. This will affect my upcoming vote if you don't open the state in May. Thank you for allowing us to exercise our constitutional rights.
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Education Working Group	Courtney Sanford	Open NC on May 1st. We'll observe guidelines in place for grocery stores and work from home if we can. Please open the endocrinologist and other doctors offices....other health problems need to be treated, too.
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC! Cami Stoltzfus	Reopen NC! My husband and I are both healthcare workers. Our hospitals are so low right now they are having to flex staff off! The models are wrong! Social distancing was fine until now. There are plenty of businesses that could reopen even if they have to take safety precautions. We can still protect our elderly and immunocompromised citizens while allowing those with businesses to reopen. Our freedoms have been stripped away from us long enough. Open back up outdoor recreation such as parks immediately!
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jackson Pigott	We need to open up NC immediately. No more delays.
04/16/2020 12:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpenNC Libby Hyatt	After our first Stay home order is completed on May 1st, NC should start opening it's small businesses again. As a small business owner myself who is also a Cosmetologist, my lifeline has completely been disconnected. The resources that have been promised to us have yet to be implemented or has already run out of funds. We are on financial life support right now. At my place of business, I have two other co workers. We are at least 8ft apart from each other and rarely all three work together. I have never had 10 people inside the building at one time. I have been certified by the makers and brand Barbicide in how to disinfect blood born pathogens. I used this practice daily at my salon. I'm able to provide one on one service per client at a time and also provide the proper PPE to insure my clients and my own safety. So, why can't I work? Please consider at least a soft rollout opening to businesses. Our State can not afford an economic collapse like this will cause. Our right to work shouldn't be held hostage.

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04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Barrow	I ask that you please consider our workers and economy as a whole. Public safety is incredibly important, but we need to looking at the ability for many that are in the personal services industry to be allowed to open. I think that one person at a time is completely fair as is wearing of masks. There are many people hurting. COVID-19 is horrible, but we must balance that with the ability to feed our families.
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim McLeod	Reopen NC. We need to continue on with our lives and not be scared of a virus that will always be around. People have bills to pay. Herd community to build our immunity.
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Alterman	Please help save our economy and small businesses by reopening NC!!
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small business owner Lin Honeycutt	Open NC now. We have suffered long enough!
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Health Care Working Group	1951 Richard Shakar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amend voting rules to give the NC Board of Elections flexibility to respond to emergencies such as: pandemics, natural disasters, armed conflict, etc.</li> <li>2. Make absentee voting easier by making ballots easier to obtain, and open to everyone eligible to vote. An on-line portal should be available to apply for an absentee ballot. Two witnesses during social distancing is unsafe and unrealistic especially for single, older people.</li> <li>3. Make voter registration available on line. (You can now register to vote or update your voter registration address or party affiliation on line via the NC Division of Motor Vehicles if you are a DMV customer.)</li> <li>4. Assume the costs for mailing in an absentee ballot.</li> </ol> <p>Thank you! League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear</p>
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alison Olthoff	Please reopen the state!! My livelihood and financial stability depend on it! Thank you
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Barron Thompson	The curve has been flattened. Hospitals are not being overwhelmed. Dr. Fauci himself stated SARS-CoV-2 looks more like seasonal flu. (March 26 article in the New England Journal of Medicine.) As many as 100,000 people die per year from seasonal flu without states shutting down. 22 million people nation-wide have been put out of work. Our Constitutional rights are being trampled. Some counties are encouraging citizens to turn in friends and family members in echos of the Gestapo and Stasi. It's time to reopen the State!
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Drew Pigott	Please do not keep NC closed. Please open it up immediately.
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sarah Wood	Dear Members of the House Select Committee, I am writing you as a concerned citizen (who votes in EVERY election), that we must reopen North Carolina as soon as possible. We have passed the tipping point of which course of action is in the best interest of the common good. We are now causing far more damage to people's lives through the destruction of their financial, emotional, psychological, social, and even physical lives from the health complications that are resulting from this shutdown. The citizenry has showed that we can take measures to protect one another, and we can continue to do this while conducting business and being social. Those who are at greatest physical risk of COVID-19 infection can take extra measures as they deem appropriate for their individual situations, and we, their

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			compatriots, will understand and respect their needs while taking care of our own needs. I implore the committee to take immediate measures to open up our economy and restore complete freedom of movement. Thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Health Care Working Group	Carole Dillinger	It is time to stop the shut down of people's businesses and jobs. We are adults, We can maintain safe practices without being required to lose our companies and jobs. The time has come we cannot let our economy fall !!!!!
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Walter Mills	It's time to open the state. The shutdown has gone long enough. Liberties are being threatened.
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caroline Cochrane	Members of the General Assembly and Governor Cooper please consider reopening NC on May 1. I'm afraid if we don't that the economic impact will be dire and very difficult to recover from. I have 4 children ages 13-22 and I want them to live in a state with a strong economy. Remaining shut down will greatly effect the younger generation. Thank you!
04/16/2020 12:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Pam Vandyke	Please get our state reopened. There are approximately 10M people in the state with very minimal people who have tested positive. There is no reason for this to continue for those of us who need to get back to work. Quarantine the sick and elderly and allow the healthy people to live their lives as was intended. You quarantine/isolate the sick or those at risk - not the healthy.
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Heidi Rochelle	I am writing to ask that you reconsider the infringement on constitutional rights that are currently in place. Please review the likelihood of increased domestic violence, child abuse and suicides that will be a result of the continued isolation and level of stress currently being placed upon citizens. The severity of COVID-19 for the vast majority of people who may contract it is minimal whereas continuing to keep people in the current state will no doubt result in numerous deaths and abuses. I am a psychotherapist and am asking you to reopen NC.
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group		The economy can be reopened in phases.
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Walter Mills	It's time to open the state. The shutdown has gone long enough. Liberties are being threatened.
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Renee Bunton	NC needs to reopen our economy... Our businesses and store fronts must open soon! North Carolina citizens should be able to exercise our constitutional rights. This is an over step.
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina Hunt	NC needs to reopen so people can work to help family members who are struggling. Churches have extra demands trying to help the community yet people are not able to give to their church because they are not working. Come on!! Open up! NC could be opened up slowly. Every day every hour counts for a small business. The USA is built among small businesses. Be fair!!
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Sundry Comer	Re open NC!! Our freedoms are being stripped from us!!

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04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Tonni King	<p>Governor Cooper needs to get out State back up and running now to prevent more job loss and small business closures. People can still open their businesses with the new social distance guideline and effectively limit exposures. If we remain closed like we are now the economic catastrophe will not be recoverable. Many will lose businesses, jobs, and homes. This will increase depression, stress, and potentially other health risks due to no income and no support for these families! In my opinion it will be better to shelter the immune compromised, elderly, and children but allow otherwise healthy individuals to make their own decisions about health and still run their local businesses.</p> <p>Please do everything in your power to protect mall business owners and their l idly hoods by re-opening NC for business!</p> <p>ThAnk you sincerely, Tonni King Alamance county resident and NC born and raised citizen!</p>
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Steven Cannon	<p>Easy for you all to say to give up our livelihood, earnings, salaries and savings while you aren't doing the same! ReopenNC</p>
04/16/2020 12:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Poppie McNierney	<p>Our state needs to be opened back up! There will be more deaths from homelessness, starvation, lack of health care, suicide, addiction, spousal abuse, child abuse.. the list goes on.... than we will ever see from COVID-19. Small businesses are failing, unemployment is skyrocketing. The numbers do not justify taking away our freedoms and right to work. I am a registered democrat, this is not a partisan issue. It is a human issue.</p>
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		<p>please Reopen NC no later than May 1st Our Small businesses may never make it or ever reopen if this continues until June. The Virus numbers are LOW compared to what was predicted. We need to live our lives not in fear. We need our Legislature to help and let our Governor know that WE want to work !! Government FOR the people BY the people. Our Unemployment is not working !! We want to work !!</p>
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kou Yang	<p>Open NC</p>
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Health Care Working Group	Margaret Brooks	<p>I am a dental Hygienist and am turning 70 this year, so of course I have concerns about the virus, but I know the methods we use in our office to protect not only ourselves but our patients from any cross contamination of viral and bacterial dangers. I hope you understand that there are always risks in every decision made concerning diseases. But this decision to close down our ways of life, to destroy our entire economy just to destroy our economy and our president is insane. I know you will try to defend your position to close down our lives due to this virus but you will never convince me. Yes I am at increased risk from this virus due to my age, but it is my decision, not yours, to take that risk. I have worked all my life. I have dealt with broken bones, illnesses, such as flu, measles, mumps, chicken pox and have survived all. My family dealt with polio and survived it. This virus too will be defeated. Yes there will be deaths, consequences, but to shut down a person's means of making a living and taking care of their families is the</p>

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			<p>worst consequence. You do not have enough money in the coffers to take care of everyone for the foreseeable future. You are ending the supply of tax dollars to do that. You talk of saving lives, yet you agree with killing innocent babies, born and unborn. In your mind they are expendable. Sad. Yet you seem willing to destroy an entire economy in the name of saving lives. Please change your position on this closed economy. Small businesses built this country and maintain it. Without the freedom to operate our businesses this country will be doomed. While the people who are in the upper status of government continue to collect your paychecks, you are denying us the right to work for our paychecks. If you are so convinced of your position then you should use your money to support this decision. All in government should refuse a paycheck just as you refuse us our paychecks. Please do the right thing and open businesses. To close beaches, churches, assembly, and every small business, but to leave open liquor stores, home improvement business, dog groomers, really??!! Ridiculous and insane!! Open all small business. Get this right!</p>
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Scott Lyon	<p>I live in Guilford County and I am considered an "essential worker". My girlfriend lost her job on March 17th because of the Governor's shutdown and she filed for unemployment the very next morning and to this day has still not received one dime of help from unemployment. I've seen two local businesses in my area close their doors for good because the owners could not afford to hang on. I have a friend who told me his wife who is an essential worker also lost her job because the small business she worked for could not continue to operate in this economy. I watched a woman get arrested in Raleigh the other day for peacefully protesting and the police said protesting was not an essential activity, just like that the Bill of Rights gets put through the shredder! I had to stand in line the other morning waiting for my neighborhood store to open up so I could get toilet paper. The shelves of my local grocery store look like the places has been looted. Honestly I feel like I am living in Venezuela right now and not America. I never in all my life thought I would see this in my country. This shutdown is asinine and needs to come to an end. If I can get up every morning and go to work in a hospital day after day and stay healthy then everyone can follow precautions and protect themselves and go back to work and their lives. This shutdown and the insane runaway rule by executive order needs to stop.</p>
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Robyn Licursi	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherri Wright	<p>It is time to reopen our state to all businesses. Our economy cannot handle this shut down any longer. People need to work and make a living . It is up to individuals to protect their safety and stay in if they are in a high risk group. It is not up to our government to dictate that we quarantine ourselves.</p>
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open Our State Alison Turner	<p>Governor, We must begin the process of opening our state for business. We have wisely used caution through the stay-at-home order. Now we must allow citizens to rebuild and keep confidence in our leadership. Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Carrie Stephens	We need North Carolina open now!!!!
04/16/2020 12:33 PM	Education Working Group	Reopen NC Journie Eddy	<p>I truly believe NC needs to be reopened. I dont care if there are restrictions, but small businesses are dying. People are not going to survive financially. Please let nc reopen may</p>

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04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stephanie Bodmer	Please continue to enforce social distancing for health and safety of our residents. Opening too early will put people's lives in jeopardy.
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small business owner Michelle Alexander	#Reopen NC We need to reopen our small business!! We are all willing to follow the social distancing guidelines. Our business is over 20,000 sq ft. It will not be a problem. Furniture stores are essential. We carry office furniture, sofas and beds which everyone has. We can meet safety guidelines and still have a successful economy. It is our constitutional right to earn an income..
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bobbi Krause	We need to reopen nc!!!! This is an unconstitutional shut down.
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open the state Roy! And the schools! This is ridiculous! Open it now!
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Angie Childers	We are tired of the lies and scared tactics! We are tired of our rights being taken away! WE the people need to be given the choice! Open N.C. now!
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Anna Deitrich	Reopen NC for business! As small business owners, we are willing and ready to take all necessary precautions to ensure that we protect our clients. But we need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Travis Morehead	We need to open NC. The cure is worse than the disease.
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nancy Johnson	We need to go back to work. I live in Graham County and our primary business is tourism. Our season runs from April thru October. You have already taken one month of revenue from my business and I have furloughed 7 employees. We all want to go back to work and we will do our part to stop the spread of this virus. Graham County has blocked road access to non residents, even those non residents that have a second home here. Our county officials are slowly suffocating private businesses at an extreme level of governmental control in the name of public safety. Is there anyone that can address these issues and concerns?
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jessica Overcash	Please reopen NC , my husband is a small business owner and currently no income right now due to lockdown.
04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cristy Darnell	Reopen North Carolina! We are a free society and business should be free to open and serve those who choose to resume normal operations. I acknowledge and accept the small risk this virus can cause on my life. By all means, make it acceptable for those that feel the need to stay home able to do so.

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04/16/2020 12:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Seth Deletetsky	It is time to open NC for business. I live and practice in Brunswick County and we need to go back to work. The prudent thing to do going forward is to have immunocompromised, elderly, those at higher risk, etc. continue to quarantine as each individual deems necessary. We as business owners can continue to take steps to protect ourselves and out clients. The government needs to stop imposing restrictions that are killing business. Time to get NC back open for business.
04/16/2020 12:35 PM	Education Working Group	Andrew Ashlock	I believe some common sense and reasoning is in order. We need to reopen our state. The conversation has been too one sided and skewed toward the virus with no attention given to those concerned about livelihoods and providing for families. We NEED to provide ways immediately to begin going back to work and trying to limit the damage that has already been done by these shutdowns. Yes, the virus is out there and can be contagious, but equally as dangerous is the consequences of keeping people out of work. We must create a system in which we protect the high risk individuals while allowing the rest of us to move in with life. This system is not viable for much longer and soon the damage will not be able to repaired.
04/16/2020 12:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Daniel Comer	Open North Carolina!! Our freedoms are being taken away from us. We all need to get back to work! Immune suppressed stay home!!!!
04/16/2020 12:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Paul Martjuchin	Open up the state!
04/16/2020 12:35 PM	Education Working Group	Arlette Fulghum	I think that it is time to start opening things in our state back up. We cannot continue on the current path we are on. I work in child care and we are running at less than half enrollment because of parents that are out of work. If this continues we won't be able to stay open too much longer. Domestic violence and suicide are going to become a problem because people aren't able to take care of their bills and families and become frustrated and unable to deal wit it. I am all for keeping the high risk people safe as we should. But, everyone shouldn't be made to stay home to do that.
04/16/2020 12:35 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kelli Mills	Please lift restrictions! Reopen NC
04/16/2020 12:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open NC Stacy Layton	<p>Please look at the data that shows that COVID is not a dangerous as propaganda would have us believe. It never was. It is not more dangerous than the flu, which we do not (nor should we) shut down businesses for.</p> <p>Even if it were dangerous, it does not justify this infringement on our Constitutional rights. Please stop this madness and let people decide for themselves if they want to work and shop and travel.</p>
04/16/2020 12:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Janelle Godwin	I am requesting that the Governor open our state immediately
04/16/2020 12:36 PM	Continuity of State	Mr L Bowman	Small businesses can not sustain this shut down any longer. Open us up with common

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		sense precautions! We have rights!
04/16/2020 12:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Albert Bellows	Open North Carolina back up!
04/16/2020 12:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	sharon westfall	Please re-open North Carolina as soon as possible - people need to work, play, shop and live again - as of Monday April 13th my county (Granville) had 95 reported cases of covid19 and 65 of them were in the federal prison at Butner - we have had 4 deaths, all males, all with underlying pre-existing conditions - 60500 people live in our county - that is 0.15% if us affected, and 0.006% death rate - that is not statistically significant by any means - please vote to let us get back to living - thank you
04/16/2020 12:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Billy Stanley	Please open our state back up! To compare NYC to NC is the problem with the government, a one size fits all is not the answer! 4 deaths and 128 cases, in Forsyth County, there were 89 deaths from pneumonia and flu in 2018-2019. Why didn't you shut down state then? Be the heros and open NC back up for business! November is coming soon! The people will vote!
04/16/2020 12:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jeff Johnson	REOPEN NC Now..
04/16/2020 12:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Ellen Kennedy	It's time to begin GRADUALLY getting back to normal. It's definitely time!
04/16/2020 12:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	President Nicole Canady	I am a business owner and want to open for services on May 1. I have clients that would like to come in for services. I have staff that wants to work to provide for their families.
04/16/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Reopen NC!! I cannot sustain my family any longer! Let businesses implement safe factors so they can get some income as opposed to no income!
04/16/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tim Holtsclaw	Please reopen the restaurants. We are dying on the vine and won't be able to stay open at this rate. Please. If I can go to Lowe's and WalMart, why can't I go have dinner and drinks with my wife?
04/16/2020 12:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Pam McConnell	Good afternoon,  I'm writing to voice my concern over the possibility of NC mandating a Coronavirus (Covid19) vaccine. I vehemently oppose any such measure. Please preserve our medical freedoms in North Carolina and do not mandate ANY vaccines, especially one that is experimental and possibly very dangerous.  "Scientists first attempted to develop coronavirus vaccines after China's 2002 SARS-CoV outbreak. Teams of US & foreign scientists vaccinated animals with the four most

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			<p>promising vaccines. At first, the experiment seemed successful as all the animals developed a robust antibody response to coronavirus. However, when the scientists exposed the vaccinated animals to the wild virus, the results were horrifying. Vaccinated animals suffered hyper-immune responses including inflammation throughout their bodies terminating with fatal lung infections. Researchers had seen this same "enhanced immune response" during human testing of the failed RSV vaccine tests in the 1960s. Two children died.</p> <p>Offit, Hotez and even Anthony Fauci (in an unguarded moment), have warned that any new coronavirus vaccine could trigger lethal immune reactions when vaccinated people come in contact with the wild virus. Instead of proceeding with caution, Fauci has made the reckless choice to fast track vaccines, partially funded by Gates, without animal studies (that could provide early warning of runaway immune response). Gates is so worried about the danger that he says he won't distribute his vaccines until governments agree to indemnify him against lawsuits. On Feb 4th 2020, when there were only 11 active CV cases in the USA, the U.S. quietly pushed through Federal regulations giving coronavirus vaccine makers full immunity from liability.</p> <p>-Children's Health Defense"</p> <p>Also, REOPEN NC by May 1st!! This is causing economic devastation! Thank you for your time.</p>
04/16/2020 12:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dennis Olthoff	Everything has to reopen- the Economy need to take precedence- we will not recover if you keep the small businesses closed! We are all on the edge and can't hold on much longer!!
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen the state Linda Daley	Let's reopen the state to the extent we can use an antibody to test who has immunity to the virus and allow some to get back to work
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Elizabeth Smith	Reopen immediately. My husband and I are both now unemployed. Have not yet received our due NC DES benefit (after almost 4 weeks). We do not qualify for stimulus benefit (bc we "made too much" in 2018! That is no longer the case, rest assured). And we are going to lose everything we've ever worked for because of a virus that has killed less people in America than the flu in 2018!!!! Please let us go back to work, with obvious guidelines.
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Cannon Angie	You all expect the hard working middle class to forego pay, shut down businesses we have worked hard to build, deplete our savings, all for the good of someone else. What have you done? Lead by example. Give up your salaries and savings for those who are going without!! We need for you to feel the way we do!
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Thomas Alexander	We need to re open NC. We need to have our right to make a living back.
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Allison Lucas	We need to reopen the state! We have a 98% or better recovery rate. We will not have herd immunity without reopening and supporting the economy. Please open.
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Continuity of State	Stephanie Wambles	Covid19 projections were built on faulty logic, death numbers include lies where people

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		weren't even tested but their death is being attributed to it, small businesses may not be able to recover, doctors and other health care professionals are being furloughed or having hours cut. It's time to reopen NC. Use logic, people can make their own life choices better than any government.
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Tracy Tucker	REOPEN NC Election is coming! Drain the swamp!!!!
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Marshall Harrell	My family owns a hair salon. We are not eligible for any free money or unemployment. NC needs to REOPEN ASAP for the survival of small businesses and our economy. The immune compromised and older people can continue to stay home. We can all continue to exercise caution and distance ourselves when in public. Staying shut down will be devastating to NC!
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tiffany Tew	ReOpen NC!! Businesses need a fighting chance!! Our economy need a fighting chance!! We should be allowed to open by May 15th at the LATEST!!
04/16/2020 12:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		I believe that Governor Cooper should take everything into careful consideration before easing restrictions. Yes, our small businesses & independent business owners are suffering heavily and I think we need to look towards reopening our state but, as a citizen with a Medical essential person as well as an immune compromised person in my home, I am for staying with certain restrictions until we KNOW NC has peaked & is on a good downturn.
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please reopen North Carolina. The economy is going to go under more than it is now with people's lives possibly being turned completely upside down and losing everything they have worked hard for. Yes there should be some kind of structure, but we can't continue living in fear when models dont even add up.. please listen to our voices so that we can do the jobs we love.
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Rhonda Bennett	As a concerned citizen AND a healthcare worker (nurse) I urge the state to re-open. I am concerned the numbers are largely inflated due to all deaths being attributed to the virus. I have been a nurse in this state for thirty three years. I have never seen anything like this. People are hurting and need to get back to work. I am begging you to reopen the state for the overall health and well being of every citizen.
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Business owner Chris Boyette	Allow all businesses in the State of NC to open back up as planned on May 1st.
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lisa Murphy	REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Economic Support	Melissa Schneider	#reopenNC

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04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pam McConnell	Reopen NC by May 1st!! This is causing economic devastation to our state and country and it's not helping us create immunity to this virus!
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Sherri Schultheiss	I would hope that you will reopen the state instead of shutting down for any longer.
04/16/2020 12:39 PM	Education Working Group	Elisabeth Hudson	It's time to reopen the economy and schools! We are killing our small businesses, people's personal finances and most importantly our wonderful state! Even hospitals are closing! Our state medical systems are fine and this is not an epidemic- please open this state back up!
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Courtney McDougal	Please reopen NC so our economy can raise and unemployment can go down. People with underlying health conditions will have the right mind to take precautions. We have to get back on track.
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Me Lee Poston	You know what kills besides the virus? Stress, anxiety, fear, depression. That is what millions are facing due to this stupid, pointless shut down! We need to open now!!! Get off your asses and get to work for we the people!
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re-open N, Gary Watson	The legislature needs to override the Governor's Office and put North Carolina back to work no later than May 1st 2020.
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Susan Speas	Please reopen our State if NC. My daughter is a Hairstylist and a single Mom if 2. She won't be able to survive another month if she can't go back to work May 1st. The problem can't be worst than the cure!!!!!!
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jim Hudson	You must reopen the state on May 1st. The numbers support this move! Those that are high risk still need to take precautions. The long term economic and mental effects on both children and parents will be catastrophic! Stop limiting the ability of the majority from moving forward by being concerned for the minority high risk groups!
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dan Gardner	To our elected officials and their working groups. The little data available regarding the COVID-19 situation does not support the stay-at-home order. Honor our constitutional rights and end the stay-at-home order and reopen NC.
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Health Care Working Group		Open NC back up. It's been a month, this can't continue. It is unconstitutional
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Slayton	Small business owner. We need to re open NC. Too many people are suffering and who knows if jobs that are lost, esp in the service industry will be there if we stay "closed". 22m jobs LOST in the country .. this is NOT sustainable!!!!
04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Tracey Harris	Re open NC....

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04/16/2020 12:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Erica Burdine	Please open North Carolina back for business! We cannot let this virus destroy the economy!
04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Thomas Oliver	I think we need to be able to test everyone that goes into a factory or retail setting before we reopen our state .
04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open nc	Open nc back up!
04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Jonathan Radford	It's time for mindless sheep to think on their own. If you get sick you get sick. Flu kills people too. We dont shut down for that. Open up the state. Treat sickness when it comes. That's what practicing medicine is about. Treating new things. Not hiding in a house from it. If a person wants to wear a mask then wear it. But if I Choose not to then that's my choice. Quit destroying the country. Listen to the majority. Because come November you all will.
04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susir Stamey	<p>To whom it may concern, I, as a citizen of North Carolina, am ready for our state to reopen. Making recommendations is one thing, but demanding that the people of our state hunker down is against our fundamental rights. Allow the people to decide what is best for them. There should be no limitations to opening back up businesses, beaches, state parks, etc. those that would like to continue to stay at home have that right just as much as I should have the right to attend functions, shop at stores, visit friends, etc. It's our personal responsibility to determine how to protect ourselves and not the governments.</p> <p>There will always be illnesses and death however we can not set the precedent that this is how we respond, but shutting down our lives and economy. Our future depends on doing the right thing and reopening the state.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susie Stamey</p>
04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pam McConnell	I vehemently oppose the continued destruction of NC's economy by this unconstitutional lock down. I also oppose any plan to make a covid vaccine mandatory.
04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Retired (USMC) Jeff Manley	Open up NC! The model projections NC used to shut Dow the state from Washington State Univ were off by multiples of 7 to 10 times what we've seen. According to those same models, we have severely flattened the curve to almost non-existent numbers. March 30 estimated deaths were estimated to be 80/day, if all guidelines were followed, as they have been. We are averaging 3/day, and many of those were already very ill and suspected due to other comorbidities. Governors projections were for 2537 by April 15. Actual deaths to date are 132. This shutdown is going to destroy hundreds of thousands, if not more than a million North Carolinians lives. Bankruptcies, businesses closed and not able to reopen, foreclosures, alcoholism, drug abuse, domestic abuse, suicides, mental health issues, crime increase, etc...stop the insanity. Encourage social distancing, masks if possible and personal hygiene. This is a highly contagious virus. But also a very weak one that is fought off easily by healthy peoples immune systems. If you're elderly, immunocompromised, or susceptible, stay home and take extra precautions, but open up the economy how, before we have a virus and an implosion of our economy and life as we

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04/16/2020 12:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group		know it. Thank you. Let the people get back to their lives. Continuing this lockdown will only lead to a host of fatal consequences of people who are depressed. Work to provide support to the individuals who need assistance but for the majority of the population that will not be seriously harmed by this virus let them get back to their lives.
04/16/2020 12:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Herring	For the health and well being of all citizens please reopen NC if mitigation protocol needs to be implemented spell it out people can follow and obey. But please return to normal as soon as possible reopen.
04/16/2020 12:42 PM	Education Working Group	June Hardison	I believe we should begin lifting restrictions and restoring the civil liberties of North Carolina residents, while at the same time taking precautions to protect the medically vulnerable. It is absolutely possible to do both at the same time. We need to get our people back to work! This is devastating our country in so many ways. It cannot continue without changing and undermining what makes America the great country that it is.
04/16/2020 12:42 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Jennifer Hill	I'm not understanding why every healthcare worker is not receiving hazard pay. I work in assisted living facility and we've been shut down for weeks, wearing masks our whole shift, cleaning and sanitizing extra on each shift, all to protect our elderly residents. Yet, it's as if we don't matter that we put our family at risk every time we come home from work. When will these companies be made to pay us our worth during this time?
04/16/2020 12:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susanne Hewett	Open NC. Lives and businesses are being lost. Essential jobs are remaining open with no safe practices in place, but hair salons and barbers are closed.
04/16/2020 12:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rachael Rayfield	<p>For five weeks my family has stayed at home. Doing our civic, compassionate duty to limit the spread of the coronavirus. We have stayed at home and only gone out for limited necessities or for my husband to work.</p> <p>For five weeks we have endured the news reporting of impending healthcare disasters. For five weeks we have rescheduled well check visits for doctors, dentists, and orthodontists. We have transitioned our kids to online learning and walked with them as they miss their routines and their friends.</p> <p>For five weeks we have watched and listened to friends and loved ones lose their jobs (and often their health insurance) as companies and businesses are forced to close, or have to let employees go because of the lack of business. We've become concerned about the ripple effects of added stress to people's health (physical AND mental). And for five weeks we have watched all the much lauded models that predict impending doom fall much, much shorter than predicted.</p> <p>And after five weeks, it is time to give people a plan for how we will move forward with re-opening our wonderful state.</p> <p>Ongoing unemployment is not sustainable and will do an increasing amount of long term damage to our economy....and the actual physical health of our state. Continuing this lockdown will have longterm damage to citizens mental health, and educating our children.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community. Respectfully, Rachael Rayfield Summerfield, NC</p>

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04/16/2020 12:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Regina Griggs	We need to start opening NC. If someone is in a high risk category then they should have the option of self isolating but the rest of us need to be able to work. There are ways for businesses to resume operations safely for those that choose to.
04/16/2020 12:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lana Melton	NC needs to reopen. Small businesses cannot continued to be closed. All jobs are essential to the people who depend on them for income. Quarantine for the well is trampling their constitutional rights.
04/16/2020 12:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Tim Herman	I am a Small Business owner who has a fitness studio that had to be closed down. We offer small group sessions & can not continue to be closed any longer. We've only been in business 6 months & were still not making a profit, now this. My rent, power, internet, credit card bills don't stop coming in. I still haven't gotten any relief from the Govt. although I've submitted my application, now I see the fund is out of money. It's time to reopen NC for business, NOW!!!! We are able to limit our sessions to 10 people or less to comply with the state mandate, allow us to do so.
04/16/2020 12:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kim Foushee	It is essential for our state to get back to work. Folks who are comprised should stay isolated but many of those folks can't receive the needed therapies because of the hospitals locked down for CoVid only. Person County doesn't even have isolation for CoVid patients. They must go to Durham. Our cases are so low. It's time for our county to return to business. Please rush the tests so we can take them. Realize if your office doesn't actually push more receiving and distributing of tests, we will know you aren't honestly out to see us get out of this. Reopen May 1st.
04/16/2020 12:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Walter Tribolet	<p>If the economy doesn't open on May 1st the impact will be much worse than Covid-19. People will die of suicide or cannot afford their health insurance thus putting off procedures etc.</p> <p>There is nothing more dangerous than being alive. Let's not sacrifice our children's future. Extend it for high risk group based on age or underlying conditions or keep some safety measures in place but let people get back to work!</p>
04/16/2020 12:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Herald Brady	In the interest of Public Safety and overall economic benefits for the citizens of The State of North Carolina, please reopen NC and restore all previously permitted businesses. See the First Amendment!
04/16/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Trishi Stewart	<p>Dear Assembly Members,</p> <p>While I understand the safety and well-being of North Carolina residents is at the top of your priority list, I beseech you to PLEASE reopen the schools and the economy in North Carolina. Additionally, I beg of you to implore Mecklenburg County to do the same. This virus, while very contagious, has over a 98% recovery rate. The only individuals that struggle to recover are individuals who struggle to recover with any illness due to their compromised immune system.</p> <p>Our children are missing months of school. While I appreciate the online learning that is taking place for students, it is not the same as physically being in the school building. The level of rigor, use of 21st century skills and peer collaboration are missing. These crucial</p>

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			<p>skills are necessary to grow a generation of children into adults who will lead the State of North Carolina someday.</p> <p>Many people are losing their entire livelihood over this shut-down. As grown adults, we should be given the choice work and interact in the public. We should be allowed to exercise our Constitutional Rights and not have those infringed on, which is exactly what is happening.</p> <p>The emotional toll this "Stay at Home" order is taking on families, marriages, finances and professional and personal relationships is irreprehensible. All for a virus that many, many people believe is being used for political gain.</p> <p>The state of North Carolina appears to be exaggerating numbers, exaggerating hospital conditions and using this virus as a way to force its citizens to ruin. Real data should be used, not models. The citizens of North Carolina who elected you, deserve so much better. Please, reopen North Carolina public schools and the North Carolina economy immediately.</p> <p>Thank you, Trishi Stewart</p>
04/16/2020 12:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. JOANNE HARRISON	<p>Let's protect the vulnerable, let's act responsibly, but let small businesses get back to work! I see people in so many businesses able to work, ie grocery, hardware, gas stores, electricians, plumbers, tree service, landscape and plant nursery, ABC store, golf courses, not to mention all essential workers. How are we more safe with those people out, but small shops and businesses that can easily control numbers, etc. within their businesses are locked down? So wrong. Open 4/29!</p>
04/16/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Dina Beam	<p>Open the State for business. You all are collecting a salary paid by NC tax payers</p>
04/16/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Brittany Watson	<p>We need to reopen NC. There are safe ways to do this, and we have not seen nearly the impact that other states or areas have. The curve has been flattened, but we are severely hampering our economy by continuing this shutdown. We are threatening so many people's livelihoods and lives by this economic shutdown. That HAS to be considered.</p>
04/16/2020 12:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Karen Szypulski	<p>It is time to begin letting the people of NC get back to work. In addition to the obvious concerns of growing unemployment, the loss of small businesses, and the impact of those losses on NC families, there will be other long term consequences to an extended lockdown that we haven't even considered. Farmers who can't sell to restaurants are destroying food at the same time that lines at food banks grow. What is this doing to our country's food supply? What will the impacts be months down the line? There are more aspects to protecting the public health than just dealing with COVID-19. It is time to consider alternatives to long-term stay-at-home orders. We hit the goal of the short term lock down to flatten the curve and avoid overwhelming hospitals. Some NC hospitals are so far below capacity that they are furloughing workers. We need to strike a balance that protects those at greatest risk from COVID-19 complications while also relaxing the restrictions to allow people at less risk to open their businesses and get back to work. Local restrictions in hot spot areas can be used as needed. Keeping an eye on the medical system capacity while allowing the virus to run its course in the less vulnerable population will make us all safer in the long term.</p>
04/16/2020 12:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Thomas Anderson	<p>Many specific small businesses (fitness centers, gyms, restaurants, theaters, bars, barber shops, hair salons &amp; nail salons, etc.) have been targeted and closed without giving them any opportunity to show that they could continue to operate safely and comply with CDC</p>

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			<p>and the Presidents guidelines for social distancing. Those that are membership only companies, like fitness centers and gyms, use financial firms to bill Governor Cooper's order was not concurred with by the Council of State as required by G.S. 166A and is, according to the Lt. Governor invalid. I implore you as a member of the General Assembly to stop the Governor from extending his order to close these small businesses and allow them to reopen in compliance with the CDC and President's social distancing guidelines. You and the General Assembly are the only hope these small businesses have now. Extension of the Governor's order will complete the destruction of thousands of small businesses and the livelihood they provide to feed, clothe and shelter the families that depend on them. As a combat veteran I have known danger but never thought that it would be my own State government that would destroy all that I have worked for. Give us guidelines and let us reopen in compliance with those guidelines.</p>
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lovenia Johnson	Please keep the state close until the end of May!!!!!!! Please resolve unemployment issues and make loans more accessible to small business owners at the same time!
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Michael Boscia	Please reopen the state ASAP.
			<p>While all the lives lost will be felt deeply by those that knew them, to continue to impact the statewide economy has had and will continue to have dire effects and consequences to all residents of North Carolina, not just those who have experienced the loss of friends and family to the illness.</p> <p>Let us move forward from this and be a leader across the country in moving past Covid-19 and making 2020 the best year we can in our state.</p>
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Toni Wiker	While no one is enjoying the stay at home order, it is imperative that we continue until we have a plan in place. The plan must ensure there is testing and the ability to track contacts of those infected. Until we can SAFELY reopen the state there's no other choice than stay at home and stay safe.
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Joseph Peacock	The shutdown will cause economic depression. In times of economic depression, crime, suicide, alcoholism, depression, and poor health all go up exponentially. Life expectancy drops. The economic depression from the extended shutfown will end up KILLING far more people than it saves. The choice is not binary "Money versus Lives". The reality is, lack of money and economic opportunity results in DEATH.
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Reopen NC!! I'm losing my life's work! I don't know if I'll be able to recover if we get back to work on May 1st but I'll definitely not recover if we go beyond that! Please!! The data doesn't support this unconstitutional measures!
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Tracey Walls	Please reopen North Carolina and allow our citizens to get back to work. Our economic prosperity and the welfare of our people and communities depends upon your prompt action.
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	1955 Carol McCoy	This shut down of NC because of a virus that has not been anywhere near the dread predicted has to stop. It is not living and it's not needed as this virus is not a death sentence. I am 64 years old and would not wish my grandson to have to live like this.

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	Public Safety) Working Group		People are going to die every day because of "something". It's time to get life back with freedom.
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Theresa Bock	You need to Reopen NC. This shut down is causing ALLOT more harm than the virus itself! Thousands will file bankrupt, thousands are going hungry, thousands will have mental health issues! OPEN NORTH CAROLINA UP BEFORE YOIU MAKE THINGS WORSE WITH THIS SHUTDOWN!
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Education Working Group	Kassie Calvo	Close in person school for the rest of the school year. Extend the stay at home order until the end of May at the very least.
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Elizabeth Urbanek	NC can be opened safely and it is the responsible choice. You can keep social distancing guidelines and limit large gatherings while still allowing businesses to operate. Instead of keeping the state completely shut down, consider allowing businesses, school, and government services (like libraries and parks) to reopen with some restrictions. Some of the decisions have been purely motivated by politics rather than science. What is the purpose of all the parking at Mecklenburg county parks or all the state parks to be closed? Why can libraries and small businesses not operate with reduced capacity to allow for social distancing? Is keeping kids out of a child really helping or just creating more problems. You must consider health outside of the single virus. Suicide, depression, and substance abuse, and physical abuse are always on the rise in times of stress. Citizens are not allowed to seek routine medical care (such as dental appointments and check-ups) which will lead to more health problems down the road. Please do not bow to public panic which is primarily a result of misleading information in the news media.
04/16/2020 12:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Dene Perry	please begin re-opening NC ASAP. The emotional, physical and economic toll is crushing everyone. Closing down open spaces, not allowing basic services for over 1 month and other extreme restrictions are doing harm that will last LONG beyond the virus. The "cure" is worse than the virus right now and the evidence does not support the need for extreme measures.
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michael Gaglione	You need to start to find a plan to test more and get this state open again even with restrictions! If you keep the state closed you may face more deaths from suicide and burglary than you would from this virus! Something needs to be done before you kill the lively-hoods of small business families!
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Salon Owner Fran Graley	I need to get back to work if you don't want me living on the street.
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC!! Sarah Jackson	End this shut down and open N.C. May 1st! If things don't open back up there will be a good shortage, businesses are going under and by the time we go back to work there won't be anything to go back to!
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Margaret Clement	Do not let the ignorant, yet screaming, minority influence your decision and re-open NC too quickly. This is not a hoax; this is not a joke. This is protecting the citizens of NC from a virus for which we have no vaccine and no cure. Do NOT bend to these ill-informed and irresponsible people. They will not be the only ones who pay for mistakes made now.
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Scott Pearson	Re-open North Carolina, now.
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dan Baker	Open up NC! We see the numbers and you're milking this for your own political gain. Open Up

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04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	Suzanne Dotson	Medicaid needs to be expanded immediately. People afraid to seek healthcare during this time due to worries about cost is a public health crisis.
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Health Care Working Group	Jeanne S Tomlinson	RE OPEN and let's get back to living! This is a terrorist attempt and Y'ALL are letting them win! Let's Get After It! We've Worked Through The WHOLE MESS!!! JST
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs April Barrow	Destroying our economy and the livelihood of our citizens is in no way being justified by the numbers and the threat communicated by our biased media. Even the numbers on the NCDHHS site are showing totals not ACTIVE CASES/RECOVERIES. This lock down has become beyond excessive and everyday it continues, the ripples of destruction to North Carolinian families , business owners, our overall macro economy will continue to multiply. Please... ReOpen NC!
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Thank you for keeping us Khristi Tomlinson	Our family appreciates NC's smart and timely response in shutting down our state and flattening the curve. The fact the quarantine is working should be evidence enough that we need to stay the course and manage this crises in a safe and appropriate way, only reopening business when we have testing and tracing protocols in place to make sure we don't have another surgery of cases. We very much appreciate our government putting sound medical and scientific advice first instead of bending to those small number of short-sighted people who are currently agitating for business as usual. Just because the huge majority of us are showing good sense, staying at home, and keeping our mouths, that doesn't mean that we aren't applauding our state and local governments excellent effort to keep our people safe and healthy so that when business re-open, we can be confident in going back to business as usual.
04/16/2020 12:47 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	ReOpen North Carolina Katie Ferree	Asking you to reopen North Carolina. Covid 19 is not going away but there is a point when we have to start living our lives. We can do that in a safe manner and the time is now! The negative economic and financial impact this is having is devastating so many individuals and our state and country as a whole. We began this stay at home order to not overload the medical system. We have done that and hospitals are empty. So empty that nurses hours are now being cut as well. Reopen N.C. and get us all back to work!
04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherry Carawan	Re-open N.C. On May 1, 2020.
04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Johnson	REOPEN NC !!!!!!!
04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Data For Gov Cooper Jill Jankoski	<a href="https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/north-carolina">https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/north-carolina</a>  The governor says he is driven by data! Here's your data...Peak in NC is tomorrow! In the middle of April. Let the (unconstitutional) EO expire! NC (small) Business needs to get back to work for the essential health and wellness of North Carolina.
04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr wes cromer	Please reopen now!
04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Kathy Weatherspoon	Please open our small businesses. If the big box and grocery stores can stay open with some guidelines, there is no reason our small businesses cannot open and use the same

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04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kyle Phillips	OPEN IT UP!!!! Open up the freaking economy you do nothing idiots running this state. You know nothing except how much you hate Donald Trump, hate us who voted for him, and how you have wet dreams thinking about socialism and the power socialism will give you. OPEN IT UP!!!!!! Open up the FREAKING economy
04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Larry Privette	Re Open NC now. This is crazy!
04/16/2020 12:48 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Kathy Trantham	Reopen our state. This is ridiculous. We are adults, we know the safety precautions we need to take. We have to get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Joyce Mauldin-Ray	My husband and I own a small business (woman's boutique) in NC. I only want to address one concern I have with the Stay at Home order. We are considered non-essential but our local Walmart is considered essential. I agree with pharmaceuticals and groceries as one of the reasons they are in that category but when I talk to locals and read postings about how they have shopped for clothing, electronics, etc. it really makes me upset because we adhering to the guidelines, as we should, but why are they allowed to prosper when we are sitting here wondering how we will survive? They should never have been granted permission to sell anything other than groceries and pharmaceuticals during this time.
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Melissa Nelms	Please reopen NC you will be damaging our health more by destroying the economy!
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Peyton Smith	#ReOpenNC You are willfully putting exponentially more NC citizens at risk than you are protecting by keeping the state shut down. 0.0007% of people being sick is not an excuse for tyranny.
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Education Working Group	Kimberly Gonzalez	Please do not consider fully reopening the state at this time. I believe it would have disastrous results and many more people will be in danger and we still run the risk of our healthcare system being overloaded. There is a quote circulating around social media to the effect of "reopening now is similar to stopping antibiotics because you are starting to feel better". I do agree I believe we need to phase in our reopening. I am a teacher and not just thinking for myself and my own children, but my first graders and their families as well.
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberly Smith	ReopenNC
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Wade Pennington	It is time to open the state by up. I am 65 with health issues I will not be held prison in my house after 5/31. These small businesses need to open are a lot of them will be lost.

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Thanks
04/16/2020 12:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Ashley Kraus	Yesterday, Governor Cooper told North Carolinians that three things must be in place BEFORE businesses can re-open. He stated Testing, Trace and Trend must all be favorable. These parameters are not realistic, necessary or achievable in the near future. While testing and research should increase, it is clear that the risk from the "outbreak" of COVID-19 in our state has been grossly misreported. The goal of flattening the curve to position ourselves to manage the disease has been achieved. It would be an overreach of government to extend mandates further based on faulty models. Our liberties are at risk and the cost to business is too great. I implore members of The House Select Committee on COVID-19 to put NC first and reopen May 1st!
04/16/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Coleman	Reopen NC. Small businesses are going under and can not survive staying closed any longer. NC will never be the same if this goes on much longer.
04/16/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracy Komito	We need to put people back to work and our children back to school. Obviously the state is unable to educate our children at home, so they need to be educated in their school system. The data does not support keeping everything shut down.
04/16/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Salon Owner Christa Lanier	As a small business owner I am requesting we be allowed to reopen. We have received zero help for the business or our personal selves through this. We were made to shut the doors of our salon and have gotten no help financially. Small businesses are and will continue to suffer with no support.
04/16/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopennc R. Allen	Governor Cooper's Executive Orders which have businesses closed down and the liberty and freedom of citizens limited, restricted, and even removed are in blatant violation of the United States Constitution and should be removed immediately. Law enforcement cannot legally enforce them but in many cases they ARE enforcing them, which is a direct contravention of the oath they swore. That contravention of oath applies to Cooper as well. His EOs are a deceptive, unlawful and intentional overreaction for the purpose of reprehensible government overreach. This fits the very definition, not only the spirit of what the framers of the constitution called tyranny and are the very reason that same constitution calls on us as citizens to oppose and throw off a tyrannical government. Safety is one thing. Suspending and canceling our rights is never legal and will never be acceptable. If our rights can be taken from us, then they aren't rights.  #reopennc
04/16/2020 12:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Nealey	We need to get the state open again. These small businesses can't survive. We can't let the cure for the virus be worse than the virus itself. We have to find a way for the state to get people back to work while protecting those people at higher risk. If not we will be in a Great Depression which will be worse than the virus itself
04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1986 Ashley Perez	We need the state reopened! I understand there are people who are against it, great they can stay home. Punishing healthy people is unfair. You quarantine and isolate sick not healthy people who need to provide for their families
04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Health Care Working Group	Justin Hansen	Please reopen the economy. As a front line health care worker I'm in fear of losing hours due to the lack of patients. We have so few covid patents needing icu or even hospital care. We will cause more deaths with this "fix". Please end the madness.

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04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Yvette Conatser	<p>Everyone goes to the grocery stores , but there are almost no grocery store workers that are sick. If grocery stores that are visited constantly by everyone can safely operate their companies, than so can everyone else in the state. It's not fair that so many have to suffer without a job. Please learn from the grocery stores' success and reopen North Carolina. Many people are already suffering from not having enough money to cover their bills. They do not want the government to support them when they can do it themselves. Please reopen North Carolina. Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Education Working Group	Karen Szypulski	<p>Please alter the recent decision that NC should be graded as pass-fail for this semester and, instead, make pass/fail grading a STUDENT SELECTED OPTION on a per class basis, decided at the end of the semester. This provides the only truly fair treatment of students and is what many universities, including Yale and UCLA, are doing. See: <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/28/us/coronavirus-college-pass-fail.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/28/us/coronavirus-college-pass-fail.html</a></p> <p>My biggest concern with making ALL classes pass/fail is that this will negatively impact students who have worked very hard this semester to build or bring up their GPA. For high school students, it will significantly impact their college opportunities and chances for scholarships which will have a life-long impact on those students. I am especially thinking of high school juniors who have been working especially hard to bring up their GPA after one past bad semester (for example, if there was a death or illness in the family during one semester) and those juniors who, after a couple of years of not taking school seriously, finally found the motivation to really dig in and bring up their GPA this year so they have the chance to get into a 4-year college. If these students don't get to keep the grades they worked so hard for this semester, it may seriously jeopardize not only their chances for college, but also their motivation to continue working hard toward that goal next year. Similarly, high school freshman and sophomores who also have been working hard all semester have been counting on those good grades to provide a solid foundation for their GPAs going forward.</p> <p>The OPTION for pass/fail needs to be both per student and also per class. As NC schools switch to online/remote learning, some teachers will be better skilled at teaching in this new medium and some classes will be better suited for it. Allowing students to select on a per class basis which classes are recorded as pass/fail and which are recorded with an actual grade means that students will not penalized for a particular class or teacher that is not well-suited to the new medium. It also means that students without the skills for learning in this new medium or access to the required technology will not be penalized. And, of course, students directly impacted by COVID-19 will not be penalized for an extended illness.</p> <p>Thank you for taking these very serious concerns into consideration. Please alter the current decision and make pass/fail grading a STUDENT SELECTION OPTION on a per class basis for this semester. At the very least, please make this change effective for all high school students since their GPA has a significant impact on the rest of their lives. And thank you for all your hard work during this unprecedented time!</p>
04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Realtor/broker Sondra Blaser	<p>Keeping the state shut down is hurting the people, places, small businesses, and livelihood(mental and physical) down. The virus effects will never be as bad as the aftermath of this shutdown. Please end this quarantine.</p>

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04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Brian Privett	I want to see NC opened back up completely. I understand that this is not as popular an opinion as others. I believe that the treatment is now much much worse than the virus. I believe it is unconstitutional to require healthy Residents to stay home in the name of the greater good. I believe people at high risk should stay home if they choose. My business is all but closed, and my wife's is, there has not been any of the promised economic relief to our family or any other that I am aware of. Where is the promised unemployment for us self employed people. I want to be working, My wife wants to be working. Open our State back up immediately
04/16/2020 12:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr George Powell	We need to get NC back working. People are losing their ability to feed their families and at some point they will be so far behind it will kill their credit.
04/16/2020 12:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re OPEN NC Beth Pierce	Please RE OPEN NC. We that are self employed and do not get any unemployment or funding cannot survive. This will kill us
04/16/2020 12:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Laura Jansen	Please reopen the state NOW. We've flattened the curve and prevented the hospitals from becoming overwhelmed as was our goal. It's time to reopen everything now. Don't keep pushing it down the road. This is not sustainable. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:52 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dawn Whisnant	Reopen NC!!
04/16/2020 12:52 PM	Education Working Group	Rebecca Faile	Open up NC! We are losing our businesses and our families are struggling!
04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan McLaughlin	Reopen NC NOW!!!!
04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	John Cook	I am in favor of a rapid reopening. The models are not accurate and are not justifying a prolonged shutdown. Focus on protecting nursing homes. Surge resources to them.
04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Teresa Graves	PLEASE REOPEN NC!!!!!! My husband and daughter are both self-employed and in "non-essential" occupations. Their income is very essential to our household! While we mourn with those who have lost loved ones and pray for all health workers putting their lives at risk, the numbers are representative of many who had underlying health issues. They need to remain quarantined while the rest of us get back to living. Respectfully submitted, Teresa Graves
04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Susan Cherry	All of us small business owners have lost 90% of our customers and will not survive if the quarantine is extended. My daddy worked hard to build the family business and I don't want to lose it or my way of providing for my family. This is killing us worse than Covid19 ever will.
04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Health Care Working Group	Alyson Deletetsky	Re-open NC.  No mandates on Covid vaccine or any other vaccine.
04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Economic Support	Alicia Shytle	Open this economy back!

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04/16/2020 12:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melissa	Please reopen NC! Lives depend on it!
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Christa Duncan	I was forced to shut down my massage therapy office due to COVID-19. I have complied. However, I have not received any help from any sources, unemployment, SBA PPP loan, EIDL etc. My emergency fund is quickly running out and considering I'm the sole provider for my family I NEED to get back to work as soon as I can. I'm in a profession that is one on one with a client, we take all proper precautions for sanitations, and will be incorporating more once returning to work (wearing masks, gloves etc). NC needs to reopen or it will be detrimental to our state!
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Carrie Bonner	I am petitioning the state of North Carolina to lift the stay at home mandate. I'm not saying we shouldn't take precautions. If you're at high risk or if you've been sick, then be practical and continue the quarantine. But what this is doing to our economy is disastrous.
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Miriam Boger	98% survival rate what else needs to be said? If people are concerned then they should stay home but let the rest of us who are not afraid get back to work and church. There is a misconception that an executive order is a law but that is false and when it violates the constitution it can't be enforced by law enforcement. We The People are learning what our laws say and how we're protected under those laws. I can promise you if we are forced to forfeit the suggestion made by the governor we will and that will not be a good option for any of us. The safe way to do this is by lifting these orders and by accepting whatever the fate may be. Let the people decide for themselves if this is too dangerous for them. Quite frankly the numbers are no where near the "projected" models and you expect us to trust that? We're tired of being lied to.
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amanda Herrera	Please reopen NC May 1. People want and NEED to go back to work. The economy needs it. Older people and those who are compromised can continue to quarantine but it's time to get the economy moving again. The current situation is not sustainable.
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Connie Richards	I am requesting that North Carolina is opened up as of May 1st. We were told at the beginning of the current shutdown that it would be temporary to flatten the curve. The curve has been flattened and now I want my freedoms returned!
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr C Floyd	Small businesses that provide healthcare to our citizens are struggling during this economic shut down. We can not continue to jeopardize these critical businesses along with many others. Less than 2% of the population are critically affected by COVID-19. Research shows that over 50% of the population has antibodies to this virus. The stay at home order needs to be lifted. Precautions to help those more at risk may be taken but the majority of the population needs to be allowed to return to work. The consequences if we don't are far greater than COVID-19.
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Keep nc closed Lori Valenti	Keep NC safe and closed until we are in the clear!
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathy Davis	Please reopen NC. This is not worth losing the economy over the less than accurate projected deaths from this virus. People lives are being ruined and the statistics, the facts,

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			even the "doctored ones" are not worth the toll this is taking on all of healthy ones which is the vast majority!
04/16/2020 12:54 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Liz Mccabe	I cant Work at the hospital because now there are not enough sick patients. Reopen May1st.
04/16/2020 12:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Alicia Kornmeyer	We need to reopen our state! Our economy is in dire straights! The continued lock down, at this point, is going to be more detrimental to our beautiful state than the virus. Our number of sick and fatalities is low. It is not the government's job to keep us safe, it is our job to keep ourselves safe. We need our state reopened so that we can take care of ourselves and our community!
04/16/2020 12:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Criddle	Reopen N.C. businesses as planned April 29th! The data has never mentioned the far reaching projections and won't that is why places like Washington closed up field hospitals without thankfully ever needing them. We have the beds necessary to care for our sick now it is time to care for everyone. Open our state back up and give us our freedoms, this is a democracy and an emergency order when there isn't a true emergency is just tyranny. The true data not projections prove this is NO emergency allow North Carolinians to practice responsible distancing and hygiene practices on their ow and get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Dana Beach	Open NC by May 1st.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christy Henley	Please reopen North Carolina.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Tara Sawyer	reopen nc
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Businesses Betsy Daley	Please open up small businesses starting May 1st with the same limitations in place for all the various essential ones still open. Allow our state's economy to rebound. This is possible with some trust in the citizens of NC to make smart choices. Using precautions and limitations, this can absolutely be possible. While still working on testing, antibodies testing and tracing. We can't put our lives on hold for much longer and stop living. Give citizens some light in this darkness we are all dealing with each and everyday.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Lee Winters, Jr.	Hi..I would support a gradual re-opening of the NC economy beginning May 1...It is important that healthy, hard working North Carolinians are able to get back to work and provide for their families. I would also recommend that churches/faith institutions be deemed "essential" and allowed to meet ASAP. Thanks for your service to our state.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Blake Koenekamp	We need to reopen our economy!!! There will be unrepairable damage to families and small businesses if we do not act accordingly. We are slowly losing our rights and the ability to provide for our families. The facts override the fear, and If we continue to let fear guide our actions, there will be more economic destruction, then actual deaths from covid-19. North Carolinians are smart, and I believe we can adapt to this new environment while keeping our economy open. As a business owner, I must operate in a manner that is safe for my employees and customers. We have done this. My Business is also essential,

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			so we are open, but that does not mean we are turning a profit. Unfortunately, our government's promise of supporting small businesses has not produced many results. With revenue down 90%, every day we are open, it is more challenging to keep my promise of paying our employees during this time. I fear that if we do not take action together myself and many other business owners will be out of business. This means fewer taxes paid to our state and more people without jobs and a way to pay for mortgages, car payments, medical expenses, and many other services that profit not only our government but also our community. "In God we trust" is our nation's official motto. Take heed to this motto and do not let fear and lousy information dictate your life and the people around you. We must be wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove. Let's get back to work while implementing measures to keep people healthy and allowing us to enjoy our freedoms.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Mark Ramsey	Reopen businesses in NC! The fallout of a depression will be worse than the virus
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Carla Sittig	Please reopen NC. As a small business owner and living in a community where tourism is the driving factor, we are losing money and small businesses will not be able to recover and reopen. Please allow us locals to patronize our small businesses and downtown shops again. Staying closed is costing more livelihoods than the virus alone. We are losing patience with the dictatorship in NC.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kathy Hart	Please be very careful about our timeline for re-opening businesses. I am very concerned that if we open too many things at once, we will cause another surge in cases of COVID-19. Please listen to scientists and epidemiologists while you are considering how to rebuild our economy by opening businesses at a little at a time.
04/16/2020 12:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open N C James Tilley	Let people work
04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Thats enough!! Open NC Craig Coil	Quit deciding whats essential!! You don't know my needs or need to determine if i can buy toilet paper for my butt, or seeds for my garden!!
04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	R ROSE	NEED TO OPEN THIS STATE BACK UP! WHY ARE DAYCARES STILL OPEN? HOW MANY WORKING PEOPLE HAVE CONTRACTED THE VIRUS? HOW MANY NC HOSPITALS ARE OVERRUN WITH PATIENTS? RE-OPEN OUR STATE!
04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Jack Kessler	While I can understand and appreciate the steps initially taken to attempt to limit the spread of Covid-19 it would appear that damage being caused to the economy and public trust is far more dangerous. It is time to begin lifting the restrictions and get life back to normal. This can be done smartly and safely. While a minority may scream loudly on social media the silent majority understands that the state and country need to get moving.
04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Corey Wyatt	We need to open NC back up. The numbers do not support what is happening. At this point you are creating more issues and struggles than this virus could ever hope to do
04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open North Carolina Susan Hughes	Please re-open our state. Families and businesses are struggling and suffering. Thank you.
04/16/2020 12:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Amy Smith	Reopen everything! You are walking a thin line with the first amendment. This shut down now has healthcare workers being laid off because there are no patients to treat!
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support	Mr Jacob Moore	Lift the stay at home order! We need to work or small businesses will be non-existent

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04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Al Burnette	REOPEN NC. This is repulsive that you are taking away our ability to make a living.
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alice Corl	The small business I work for supports 255 artists and 100+ shop owners as well as 12 employees all local or regional to NC. Closing our doors has been a huge drain on resources, they waved rents for April. I don't know if they will be able to sustain much longer, so keeping closed will have widespread long term consequences for these 370 people and their families. Non essential doesn't mean we won't vote. Adults can make their own choices as to what the risk is, as we do with everything in life. Thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Diane Parsons	Please open the State for business. This shutdown is hammering small business!!
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Diana Lotito	For the love of GOD! OPEN up NC now! Release us immediately, quit stomping on my constitutional rights!
04/16/2020 12:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Hamrick	Open our state back up and give small business owners a chance to survive!!!
04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr James Michaels	Please reopen the economy. All of the models we have been presented are grossly inaccurate. We cannot keep the economy turned off. We can continue to practice additional safety measures. But this current government response is not reasonable based on the numbers we're seeing.
04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jennifer Klas	Please ReopenNC! Continued stay at home orders will amount to economic destruction for so many citizens. Workers will not be able to work and take care of their families. The same for business owners. Many people have situations that need care that go beyond the coronavirus and need to be able to get surgeries, get therapies (such as children with special needs who need therapy to function), medical care, etc. that they cannot get due to shut down. The people should not need to wait in a line for charity offerings to get basic needs met because the government won't let them work. The government should not decide for the citizens what is essential and non essential. The government should not dictate who I can visit or who can visit me. That is a personal matter; an invasion of privacy where the government has no right to dictate. We the people should decide for ourselves. Re open NC. It's time for everyone to get back to our American way of life and get back to work!
04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopennc David Fox	We need to reopen nc people have lives to live and bills to pay. Un like cooper we don't get a salary we earn our money by the sweat of our brow. Remember we are the People that pays your salary. This is not you in the unemployment lines her it is the American people that make this great Country run.
04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Renee Adams	We need to reopen NC and soon! Many small businesses will not withstand many more days of shutdown while Lowe's, etc is filled with hundreds of people. It is time to reopen NC.
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	Working Group		days of shutdown while Lowe's, etc is filled with hundreds of people. It is time to reopen NC.
04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	North Carolina Gail Kiker	Reopen our state of North Carolina backup. People are ready to go back to work. This is not a hotspot state. Thank you
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04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	SJ Steinbeck	The cure is now more harmful than the virus. Our great State cannot sustain an indefinite shutdown. We can affect mitigation's without picking winners (open) and losers (closed). We have removed the spike...#ReOpenNC!
04/16/2020 12:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Clndy Davis	There are more than one way to approach this, you all should think outside the box vs. inside and basic!! One option is to Provide a health safety protocol to all businesses along with supplies and open up all businesses. Provide the test to everyone!!! Build united, instead of dividing everyone.
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpenNC Amy Chen	An economic depression is more dangerous for the health and future of NC than the virus. Let the People Work!
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Stan Walker	I am infuriated by the lack of common sense that is being used in the NC response to the pandemic. Science tells us that we need "herd immunity" and staying home is simply prolonging the curve not eliminating infections. We are 18 months from a vaccination. We can't stay home for a year and a half. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Steve Brock	It is time to reopen our State. The data does not support this shut down.
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Malinda Dilday	Please consider allowing businesses in NC to reopen, especially small businesses. With small business relief funds running out, they will not be able to survive extra time shut down. We've all been dealing with and practicing safety measures to try to stop the spread. We can continue to do so with businesses open, much like we do with the flu, which is far more deadly than Covid19. That has been proven with essential businesses that have remained open. Allow them to open. They can limit the number of customers in at a time to comply with social distancing. But for our small businesses to survive, they must reopen. Thank you.
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Rick Tozier	Please allow business to re-open.
04/16/2020 01:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy Hart	Please carefully consider the advice of scientists and epidemiologists while you are forming a plan to return people to work and open businesses. Although we do need to build The economy back up, we certainly don't want to cause a surge in cases of COVID-19 because we've opened up things too soon. Thank you for your careful consideration of these difficult issues.
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Continuity of State	REOPEN NC Lamar	Reopen NC no later than May 1st 2020 with safety guidelines NOT mandatory restrictions.

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04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jessica Burch	We are already losing small businesses. Let the people make their own decisions. Isolate if you want, freedom to this who prefer to work!
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Massage Therapist Deirdre Brown	Re open May 1st as promised
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Richard Pettit	Reopen NC now. Stop destroying our businesses. Stop harassing and arresting people who are exercising their 1st Amendment Rights. We do not live in a police state.
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shauna Stephenson	Please open N.C.-this has lower deaths than the flu. We can't hide forever. It's sad so many people are out of work with no pay. If this shutdown goes any longer-they'll be no coming back.
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		I believe it is vital that North Carolina reopen the economy no later than April 29, 2020. Small businesses are failing statewide and unemployment numbers are rising exponentially - far greater than the spread of the virus. This type of functioning is not sustainable and will surely lead to economic collapse. Additionally, inalienable rights (namely the right to worship and the right to peacefully assemble) have been violated by public officials, which is shameful and inexcusable. It is imperative that public officials remember that these rights are NOT granted to us by the government, but are endowed to us by our Creator, thus cannot be removed through unconstitutional executive orders.
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Mantica	Please start to re-open NC. The number of unemployed is devastating. We need to allow small businesses to open to save those businesses and the related jobs. We are not NYC, we do not need the same level of restrictions. Let's start to move toward a less restrictive state.
04/16/2020 01:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Marsha Norris	Please reopen our state! This is unconditional!
04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Michelle Jolly	REOPEN NC!!
04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Elizabeth Schweighardt	I have faith in North Carolinians that we can be safe and open up our state again. Please know many small businesses employ so many. We have so few cases and deaths we are not NYC. We need to let the facts speak for themselves. We can read the charts, view the cases of those affected and those recovered and lost. We need to open up NC before more people lose their lives not due to this virus.
04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elana Brancato	Please seriously consider allowing businesses to start operations again as of May 1st, even with conditions. We need to be able to work. Also, many people are starting to suffer mental health issues because of lack of face to face contact with people. I strongly urge you to lighten the restrictions ASAP, especially in Wake County, where they are more stringent than the state's orders, yet we have just over 500 confirmed cases. Respectfully.

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04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Corbin Settlemeayer	Small businesses are suffering and as a result none of us have jobs. We can't survive like this. We must REOPEN NC now ! We are being stripped of every things we have worked our whole lives for....common sense, please.
04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kathy Hart	I am urging the legislature to find a way for North Carolina to have mail in voting. If other states can do it, so can we. Certainly we have the brain power and the resources. It is unfair, especially during a pandemic, to expect that everyone can go vote.
04/16/2020 01:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dawn Cox	Open our state for business! Our people are suffering! Businesses are dying! This goes against our constitutional rights!
04/16/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Nicole Layaou	The shut down has done it's job (effectively or not) to prepare the medical community to fight this virus or any other by stocking supplies, having testing, opening temporary medical station, etc. It's time to let people get back to work now. We are as prepared as we'll get. Re open NC for business!
04/16/2020 01:03 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Lori Dulin	Please open NC up. We need to go back to a new normal of being safe and smart, but to open back up at the end of April! Thank you for helping our economy! Let's get back on the sports fields, back in the classrooms, back in restaurants and BACK IN CHURCH!
04/16/2020 01:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Michael Brown	Please reopen NC on or before May 1. I am a small business owner and have been fortunate to work but am watching our once thriving economy crushed by senseless fear from predictive models that were very wrong. Continuing the shutdown will result in more damage and business disruptions. Reopen now.
04/16/2020 01:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan Johnson	As a small business owner, we need NC to reopen immediately!!!! We aren't getting the help that was promised to us! We can't get an SBA loan because they are out of funds, yet no small business that I know of has gotten approved yet only big businesses. We can't get help from unemployment because their system isn't "ready yet". We can't get help from social services because we are over-qualified. So we must reopen NOW or small businesses will be forced to close! Is that your intent??? Because if so, it's working.
04/16/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley	REOPEN NC! Let the people work! An economic depression is much worse for this state than a virus. The people at risk can stay at home while the rest of us can start making a living again.
04/16/2020 01:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Lauren Eanes	Reopen NC. Research clearly shows deaths of despair will continue to rise. Small businesses provide jobs for over half the people in our state, and federal funding has DRIED UP for our small businesses. The data clearly shows hospitals are furloughing due to lack of patients. Vulnerable can choose to isolate and sick can quarantine.
04/16/2020 01:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	George Luckadoo	The research tells us that the numbers were off by a large margin. Don't rely on faulty science and make the cure worse than the pandemic. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 01:04 PM	Health Care Working Group	Tessa Wright	North Carolina needs to reopen!
04/16/2020 01:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Mrs Kimberly Caudle	Please open NC up on May1st! People need to get to work! We need to open up the economy.

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04/16/2020 01:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re open NC Russ Jones	Let us go back to work! The virus is not going away. There will not be any business to go back to if this continues to be closed.
04/16/2020 01:04 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kathy Hart	Please do everything you can to expand Medicaid in our state. It is shameful that we did not do this previously, and now have more people than ever suffering for lack of healthcare. If other states can be compassionate and generous, so must we.
04/16/2020 01:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Paula Peterson	Reopen North Carolina. Families in our small towns are losing everything.
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Christina DeVaughn	Please reopen NC for our people & families!!
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Lily	REOPEN NC—we are broke and losing everything we worked for. Please open our economy before we all have no thing left.
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dee P	Let the people decide. Open NC.
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	We need our state to open Matthew Doss	The people of this state can't afford to stay out of work any longer
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amy Watts	Please reopen NC! Let's us get back to work. Immune compromised people can remain quarantined but let those who wish to work get back to it!
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Herbert Cox	Lift the closures! Business and people are being harmed! Our economy is being crushed!
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Brian Armontrout	Mail in voting is a great idea but the requirement for two witnesses to signing the ballot is burdensome in the light of social distancing requirements.
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. John Fanney	The response to this virus has gone too far, they are too restrictive. The Legislature must act immediately to override the Governor's Emergency Orders. There must be a limit on how long emergency orders may remain in place and this should be accomplished by full legislative votes rather than acquiescence/concurrence of the Council of State. "Non-essential" small businesses should be reopened, public demonstrations should not be shut down, churches should be allowed to hold services and determine their own guidelines for safety. Emergency powers that have been established for the executive branch must be subject to real, effective Constitutional restraints. Voting methods should not be relaxed to allow mail-in voting, ballot harvesting or by personal internet use (i.e. vote from home). If you can go to a grocery store to purchase essential items, then you can go to a polling station to exercise perhaps the most essential civil right a North Carolina citizen still retains.

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			<p>The Legislature should act immediately to reign in Governor Cooper and prevent future governors the ability to rule by executive order. Take action now to counter-balance or repeal executive orders now in place, curtail them or limit them in regards to small businesses/services being unable to work. This body needs to be focused more on the economic, social and cultural damage the current "shut down" occurring now and in the future, rather than the issue of health/safety-- the executive branch is currently more focused on health/safety than economics.</p> <p>A continued "shut down" or expanded executive fiat on the daily conduct of society will absolutely do more harm than good and will leave a everlasting stain we will never wash out of our economic/societal/cultural fabric. Realize that too many taxpaying, job providing, money spending citizens will not be able to fund the 3 branches of government and your collective election campaigns if governmental actions end their businesses.</p>
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Michelle Johnson	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Esleeck	The numbers, models, medical advice in no way support continued state wide shut down after April 29. You know and the citizens know it. Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	SOUNDRA BEAMON	<p>PLEASE REOPEN NORTH CAROLINA.  SMALL BUSINESSES ARE CLOSING AND FAMILIES ARE LOSING THEIR HOMES.  LARGE COMPANIES ARE OPEN AND PROFITING FROM THESE CLOSURES.  PLEASE REOPEN NORTH CAROLINA  THANK YOU</p>
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Keep NC CLOSED Tegan Short	PLEASE CONSIDER KEEPING NC SHIT DOWN! This is the first month on no school shootings, environment is recovering and we are flattening the curve! Please keep NC shit down.
04/16/2020 01:05 PM	Education Working Group	American Patrick Bohanon	I believe we need to begin to responsibly open North Carolina up for business. Small businesses are being crushed under the weight of this.
04/16/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC Now!! We can not survive this shutdown.
04/16/2020 01:06 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Constitutional Scholar Dana Crowell	Open our state back up. Take preventative actions for the old and sick and get our economy back up and started.
04/16/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Haley Boyer	Please reopen NC ASAP. This has become beyond ridiculous...
04/16/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ken Bradley	We need to start easing the restrictions to allow our businesses to survive. Take reasonable precautions but open our businesses.
04/16/2020 01:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Allen	Open NC!
04/16/2020 01:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carson Tanner	REOPEN NC. We have been stripped out our basic civil rights granted by the US Constitution, our ability to make money to feed and clothe our children and now we are

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			expected to remain silent and not have our voices heard (no protests). We won't stand for it. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 01:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Amy Lane	#ReOpenNC
04/16/2020 01:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robin Arney	We need to reopen this state. Hospitals are empty in this state. People are out of money and can't sustain this process much longer. Are you tracking the depression and suicide rates? What happens when the flu hits? Are we all running back inside?
04/16/2020 01:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Linda Coombs	Please stand with NC a residents against Roy Cooper, we do not need to extend the shut down. The numbers no longer support it and the hospitals are empty, the models were wrong we were to slow the spread not stop it. We are land of the free home of the brave. Our rights have been violated.
04/16/2020 01:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Amy Lane	#ReOpenNC
04/16/2020 01:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kim Hull	Please reopen NC! Many self employed service providers are running out of time and money to keep their business afloat. We have already flattened the curve of this pandemic and this was the reason for all the shutdowns. Hospitals are standing empty and staff are being furloughed. Elective procedures need to start back up. There are appropriate measures that can be put in place for public safety that we can try. The loss to this economy is damaging to all NC families. Please wake up and take action to get us all back to work!
04/16/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Anderson	Please reopen NC
04/16/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Controller Stephanie Franks	Reopen nc now!!! It is time, there is no valid data supporting this kind of trampling on the liberties and freedoms of US citizens!!! Put NC back to work!!!
04/16/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tina Forrest	We need to get NC opened again. This is doing irreparable damage to our economy and small businesses. The assistance isn't coming fast enough to make a dent in the damage closing NC has done.
04/16/2020 01:08 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re-Open NC Kellie Dodds	Open NC back up!!! our numbers in NC are not there, keep nursing homes closed, just remember you are up for re-election. There is too many people out of work for this non sense!!
04/16/2020 01:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Samuel Bremer IV	Open our state! Let our people get back to work! Businesses are being crushed! People cannot survive! Open Our State!
04/16/2020 01:08 PM	Health Care Working	Mrs Bettina Garren	Please open NC back up. Not enough supporting evidence to keep shut down. The risk to

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	Group		businesses outweighs the benefits. Time to reopen
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Beverly Dudley	Our family is a strong supporter of reopen NC. Many businesses can reopen using proper safety measures. Schools can remain closed. Many families are very successful at home schooling, etc.
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Beth Hooker	Reopen Nc!!! The population vs the amt of cases seen doesnt warrent this!! Its an overstep of Gov Cooper and must be gone around!!
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Julie Barham	You have no authority to lock us up. Reopen everything now!
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Debbie Coble	We need to get our state back open! Our people working, businesses open, our churches open so our economy can recover.
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Norm Henninger	I sending this ask the General Assembly to reopen businesses in NC. The damage being dine people's lives in the terms of mental health, domestic and drug abuse, as well as people potentially losing their livelihoods is going to be catastrophic if we do not get our state open soon. Even health care workers are being laidoff or furloughed when is the damage going to be enough for the General Assembly to take action, I am afraid that when it is it will be to late and destroy our great state.
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stan Converse	Please listen to scientists and health professionals about easing restrictions for Covid-19! Opening the economy too early will mean more deaths, directly attributable to those actions.
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Dann Kruse	The numbers don't support the extreme measure. Beaches and outside areas should be completely opened up.
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Sarah McCann	Open NC on May1!!!!!!!!! People who don't feel comfortable going out or working reserve the right to stay home but those who want to go out and work deserve the right to do so!!!!!!
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marvin Beggs	The state of NC has no right to tell me that I can't buy Easter candy for my children. The way that governments (state and local) are dictating to us what is deemed Essential or Non essential--that's no one's decision but mine. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 01:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jackie Gable	please reopen NC - our small businesses are dying, and those they employ may be permanently unemployed id we don't get them going soon. The majority of people who get the virus are asymptomatic or get a very mild case. Less than .0017% of the general population are dying, and most of those had underlying conditions that may have been the actual cause of their death. Keeping NC shut down will endanger far more who will lose their livelihood and their ability yo provide food and shelter for their families.
04/16/2020 01:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Brenda Blankenship	Reopen NC! It can be done with precautions set in place.
04/16/2020 01:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Becky Filer	Please reopen NC! Our families and businesses can't support continued drastic restrictions. We have to start easing back into some sort of normalcy. Please allow the

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			Stay at Home order to expire on the 29th. Our local statistics do not support continued closures.
04/16/2020 01:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mark Hildebran	OPEN North Carolina back up Please! I am a owner of a Salon with 6 employees. We are suffering! Help!
04/16/2020 01:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Michelle Rath	It is imperative we end the shut down of NC on or before May 1st. There is much more to consider than just public health. Specifically, our citizens livelihoods, education, quality of life and liberty. Recent decisions have been made based on inaccurate data and this must end. The over reach of Government control must end. We the people will remember this come Election Day. Count on it.
04/16/2020 01:10 PM	Education Working Group	Chelsea Malpass	Please reopen North Carolina. We can do it safely but keeping it closed will do more damage.
04/16/2020 01:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Shannon Thorpe	Please open NC
04/16/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	peggy stowe	The coming economic depression will be way worse than the virus. There is NO HELP available for some of us! Let our people get back to work!
04/16/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Rath	It is imperative we end the shut down of NC on or before May 1st. There is much more to consider than just public health. Specifically, our citizens livelihoods, education, quality of life and liberty. Recent decisions have been made based on inaccurate data and this must end. The over reach of Government control must end. We the people will remember this come Election Day. Count on it.
04/16/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elisabeth Propst	Open nc back up! We need to work to survive. This virus isn't going to kill us . the economy being shutdown is what going to killing us. We gave enough time for whoever to find another way to slow the spread. So far no one has came up with anything!! Open nc back up!! I will take my chances.
04/16/2020 01:11 PM	Health Care Working Group	Barbara Johnson	Please reopen NC business on May 1st. Anyone who wants to stay home may continue..any business that wants to stay closed can. Open us back up please!
04/16/2020 01:11 PM	Health Care Working Group	Brian Kornmeyer	Please allow the Stay-at Home order to expire. Keep the vulnerable under quarantine and allow people to make decisions for themselves to get back to work. This is destroying more lives then then it's helping
04/16/2020 01:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Skov	Open NC!!
04/16/2020 01:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lynda Garguilo	Living in a less than urban area, decisions need to be made to allow the economy to get back to normal. We have extremely minimal impacts from the virus; but the economic impacts will be devastating the longer we continue to 'isolate.' Please take steps to allow society to return to normal - whether phased, or by some other timeline - but soon.
04/16/2020 01:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	#REOPENNC Gene Haynes	You folks please open NC. If this crap show continues this state will never recover. 85% of the nations population will never experience systems or very mild. This has to stop before death feels great considering where we are headed and these funds are running out

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04/16/2020 01:12 PM	Education Working Group	Michelle Rath	It is imperative we end the shut down of NC on or before May 1st. There is much more to consider than just public health. Specifically, our citizens livelihoods, education, quality of life and liberty. Recent decisions have been made based on inaccurate data and this must end. The over reach of Government control must end. We the people will remember this come Election Day. Count on it.
04/16/2020 01:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Gala Calloway	It's time to reopen NC!!! There will be more economic casualties than from COVID 19
04/16/2020 01:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Sergent Rakers	I am a small business that doesn't want a loan or to rely on government handouts. I want to work and to be able to do that North Carolina needs to reopen! I am responsible for protecting my own health and the health of the customers I serve. Small businesses like mine can't sustain closures like this and we can't sustain taking on more debt. Open the state so we can support ourselves and our families.
04/16/2020 01:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christian Barbour	Open NC!!!
04/16/2020 01:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Angie Rush	<p>To members of the North Carolina general Assembly:</p> <p>My husband and I own a small subcontracting business in Greensboro. Despite contractors being considered essential, many jobs have been either canceled or postponed due to the coronavirus and stay at home orders. This leaves our business, and consequently our family, in a precarious situation. My husband and I do not live extravagantly. We do not live in a big house, drive expensive cars, or travel extensively. Up until this point we have been able to sustain ourselves and our business and have not had to close our business as of yet. Unfortunately, however, we cannot continue with this limited work for much longer. Our family and business employees rely on us. Therefore, we strongly urge you to seriously consider reopening North Carolina as soon as possible. North Carolinians are ready and willing to work. Allow us to re-establish our federal, state, and local economies immediately.</p> <p>Sincerely, Angie Rush Greensboro, NC</p>
04/16/2020 01:13 PM	Health Care Working Group	Michelle Rath	It is imperative we end the shut down of NC on or before May 1st. There is much more to consider than just public health. Specifically, our citizens livelihoods, education, quality of life and liberty. Recent decisions have been made based on inaccurate data and this must end. The over reach of Government control must end. We the people will remember this come Election Day. Count on it.
04/16/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Commander USN (Retired) Cheryl Murray	Please remove all restrictions now. These impositions are not necessary.
04/16/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lisa DAlessio	ReOpen NC no later than 4/30/2020. We the people are capable of protecting ourselves. The situation in NC is not the same as in NYC. You are destroying our economy and peoples lives the longer you keep businesses closed.

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04/16/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Herbie Beasley	The models have been wrong since the word go. This shutdown is doing far more harm to NC than the virus is, certainly when you consider the mental health implications of losing a job or wages and being told by a government that you cannot do anything but stay home. This was the worst response to the virus that anyone could have imposed on any body of citizens in the world. End it. Soon.
04/16/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Michelle Johnson	North Carolina needs to be reopened for business. Neither the economy nor the people can take this shutdown any further
04/16/2020 01:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherry Wallace	We have GOT to get some of these small businesses back open. We can do it just as safety as the big box stores are. We have applied for the PPP on Day 1 with no response except we are reviewing; we did not get a stimulus direct deposit because we PAID taxes in 2018 and cannot get anything from the IRS website. People are not going to stand for this much longer and there will be worse problems than worrying about the hospitals being overrun when people can't feed their families. Open up the state; require safety gear be worn; encourage the compromised to stay home and for heaven sake allow people to make a living!
04/16/2020 01:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Being a North Carolina Resident with close family and friends ties that have small businesses (local artists and beauty shop owners) that have been crushed by these extensive and damaging EO's put in place, we must reopen NC. They have been told they are not qualified to get loan assistance because of the number of people that work together. And after close to a month, no unemployment assistance either. Being from a small area this is very common. NC needs to be reopened for business so individuals can survive and flourish.
04/16/2020 01:15 PM	Education Working Group	Tracy Moore	Please gradually reopen our State and let people go back to work. We can social distance and keep clean practices going just as easily while working. There is death anyway you look at it. M
04/16/2020 01:15 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	OPEN UP our state Nancy Goldstein	open up our state! This is BEYOND ridiculous. People are suffering FAR worse being without a job. Continue sheltering those at risk if they desire but let the HEALTHY people get back to work. This is destroying all small businesses.... we are in far more peril economically than we are from a virus that has a 98% recovery rate. Stop the bullshit and grow some balls and open up the state.
04/16/2020 01:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris	We need to reopen N.C. we should implement basic social distancing, no concerts or sporting events, and no large gatherings. Open NC for business.
04/16/2020 01:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Thomas Mitchell-Olds	Governor Cooper has followed the recommendations of physicians, epidemiologists and scientists in taking measures to mitigate the spread of COVID19. It has been successful, decreasing both morbidity and mortality in our state. He should continue to do so, regardless of pressure from groups funded by unknown sources." Widespread death and suffering will not be a boon to our economy. Reopening NC would mean a spike in cases, as well as increased risk for health care workers and others on the front lines, and all other North Carolinians. We need a well considered, organized and medically sound strategy going forward.
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group		The economic numbers are devastating. Emergency funds are inadequate and realistically cannot and should not be increased. What the taxpayer base will not be able to support in any fashion are tax hikes that would be required to pay for the effects of the continued shutdown, lost tax revenues, and bailout monies. What needs and must happen is to get

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			folks back to work. Continuing to hide away in sanitized bubbles is far more detrimental. Aggressive, phased reopening is optimal.
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Linzy Mills	PLEASE REOPEN NC!!!! My husband is a small business owner and has worked so incredibly hard to get us to where we are today. We have 3 young children that are depending on the future of our business. We are falling apart here. The cure is worse than the disease!!
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen our state Tara Price	Please reopen our state. Over a month is long enough to be shut down. Most people can not provide for their families much longer without income. Our HEALTHCARE workers are being furloughed or taking severe pay cuts due to hospitals and offices being empty. There is no need to extend this any further.
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stacy Ballard	Please do not extend the stay at home order. Let's get back to business!!!
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sylvia Mattingly	Re-open North Carolina so we can get back to work
04/16/2020 01:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1965 Crystal Murphy	Please open NC up. There are people needing to work. This will become a cycle of people in debt, losing their homes, businesses going under. We are not NYC. As of Sunday, CVMC had ZERO cases of Covid 19. They are laying off. Make some compromises; allow people to eat out but only a few at time. Unless you want to become a socialized state.
04/16/2020 01:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Continue shelter in home Adam Robinson	Please help protect the people of North Carolina by continuing sheltering at home until the risk of infection is dramatically lower. I'm so worried that some people feel invulnerable and will put others at risk due to their impatience.
04/16/2020 01:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Select Open Ben Chitty	Dear committee,  I hope that will consider opening small businesses again across our great state. This pandemic has been very harmful to our small business and economy. People are struggling! If you care about the people of NC then you will take our plea seriously. We can still be effective at social distancing strategies all while lifting some of these restrictions that have cripple local business. Show us that you care! It's time to begin lifting restrictions and allowing our great state to prosper again!  Thank you!
04/16/2020 01:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Brenda Fann	We own a sportfishing charter boat on the Outer Banks. We need our island and state opened back up before our business is ruined. As a charter boat, we do not qualify for any of the funding available and this shut down is destroying our business and livelihood
04/16/2020 01:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Dr. Thomas Mitchell-Olds	North Carolina needs vote by mail to ensure free, fair and safe elections in November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, and adequate testing for active infection,

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	Group		safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured. The NCBE should move immediately to make this happen.
04/16/2020 01:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeanette Carpenter	We need to reopen North Carolina somehow. People are going to lose their homes. Something has to be done.
04/16/2020 01:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Debbie Stephens	Please reopen North Carolina ASAP. It is nonsense and killing our economy and small businesses.
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Mary Rushing	you need to reopen NC for the sake if families, small businesses and our sanity.
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Business Owner Cheri Grady	NC needs to REOPEN!!! As a small business owner, if we don't reopen I will have no business to go back to. Along with so many others. Governor Cooper isn't looking out for MY BEST INTEREST, he's looking out for his. REOPEN NC!!!
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jenny Perryman	Please reopen NC this is going to kill far more people if we remain closed. #reopennnc
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tonya Geren	Open our state up. We have one death per 100,000 people. We need to work and avoid the economic devastation this is causing.
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Elizabeth Burns	We need the state open now. Millions are being adversely affected and may never recover!
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dara Damery	I think we must begin the process of reopening NC. The curve has been flattened, no NC hospitals are overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients, yet our economy may never recover the longer we are closed. I was laid off from my job and am worried about things being able to turn around. We must start slowly and get things back on track. NC citizens should not keep losing more and more basic freedoms. I live at the beach and am not permitted to take walks in what is practically my front yard as I have been doing for many years. I walk on freeman park, which is the most isolated I could get, but somehow my solo isolated beach walks are spreading the virus? We are not free to come and go as we please, we are being told how to live. This is America: land of the free. Please start easing restrictions that impair our basic human liberties. Thank you.
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Dana Williams	Reopen NC. All workers are essential. They are essential to their own individual lives, as well as to those they support. Not only is this shutdown financially crippling our state and individuals, but it is surely affecting our health in other ways. Women and children may depend on work to escape violent home lives, and depend on schools systems food. Individuals with depression are suffering. The toll on residents is far further reaching than a virus with mortality rates less than that of the flu.
04/16/2020 01:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Sarah Reams	Until we have a vaccine, we need to shelter in place. Until the most vulnerable—economically, physically—are protected, we need to shelter in place. Until we have a plan for health care for all our families and individuals who lack it, we need to shelter in place. The economy can wait. Humanity cannot.

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04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ted Meehan	We should strive to reopen small businesses as soon as possible, with the same precautions (social distancing, mask wearing) that are currently taken at larger stores like grocery stores and Home Depot. If we do not reopen very soon, bankruptcies will soar, layoffs will continue, and both state and local government tax revenues will be drastically cut, as was mentioned on the national news today. Open businesses, use precaution, and come up with strategies to protect the most vulnerable who need to continue to stay home. But put the rest of us back to work ASAP or else the state and US economy will suffer beyond belief and plunge into another Great Depression!
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Thomas Mitchell-Olds	The NCGA must expand Medicaid immediately. COVID19 is a risk to all North Carolinians. By withholding health insurance from 600,000 of our citizens, the NCGA endangers all of our lives. Without access to health care, risk of C19 infection increases, those infected can in turn infect others. If our health care system is overwhelmed by C19 patients, all will suffer, including those having heart attacks, strokes or other emergencies, if the ICUs are filled with C19 patients. It is shortsighted and inhumane to withhold health care from more than half a million citizens of this state.
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Jeanette Mical	It's time for us to get back to living, working. You are killing the economy!
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Kevin Johnson	Hello we need to allow the state to open up for business. Why can't smaller retailers open up with the same restrictions at the grocery and big box stores? why cant hair salons open one person at a time with proper protective gear? why can't offices open with distancing and so forth? This is an ongoing economic tragedy and there is not enough money to be printed in Washington to help everyone. We need to open back up Kevin
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Patricia Murphy	Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sherry Miller	We need to reopen NC. Our families are suffering! Small businesses are going to perish if we continue this lockdown. Open the state NOW
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re open NC Sara Butcher	Reopen NC for business
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Allie Kaul	Thank you for putting human life above economic growth. I know our communities will bounce back when we are able to safely participate again. Until then, I appreciate all the efforts and scientific data being utilized to keep our communities and essential workers healthy and safe
04/16/2020 01:19 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Michelle VanGaasbeck	Reopen NC! Let people get back to work and seniors enjoy what little time they have left in high school.
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Austin Alwood	Please base all decisions on re-opening the economy on the advice of the medical and public health community. The backers of the group called RE-OPEN NC could well be one or more foreign powers trying to destabilize the USA.
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Continuity of State	Please reopen NC	Please reopen our state!

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Katherine Lis	
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Denise Evans	I'm a one chair hair salon. Shut Down March 25 self employed. Have seen zero unemployment. Reopen N.C.
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bonnie Bentley	Please reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Tiffany Sayers	<p>North Carolina needs to return to work on May 1 , 2020. Our great state cannot maintain it's current level of shut down without dire, predictable, and other unforeseen consequences on so many levels. The impacts will affect each and every person. Our communities, churches, neighbors, and personal choices will be able to move forward successfully and handle the future repercussions. If you must chose to quarantine, then do so with the minority of the population of high risk individuals. Families, churches, communities, and neighbors (a.k.a the majority of the population) can then provide any necessary support for the high risk population by providing services, goods, and financial support. It would be less of a burden and lessen the impact on so many levels if we rallied and provided care for the minority of the population instead of providing financial support for every single person in North Carolina. Our state and federal government has a limited amount of money, NOT an UNlimited amount. #ReopenNC</p>
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jeff Friddle	<p>I request that the Governor and all local officials stop acting like we do not have US and NC State Constitutions that guarantee their citizens' rights and liberties. I request that the Governor and all law enforcement officials stop breaking their oath of office to uphold the constitution. We live in a country founded on principals of liberty and all those that want for the state to remain closed are in no ways required to participate in the economy or go out of their homes. I do not see in the NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN in the COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND BIOHAZARD RESPONSE OPERATIONS PLAN the authorities the Governor and local governments have taken upon themselves. This abuse of power needs to end. The following rights guaranteed to citizens in the NC Constitution have been denied or abridged by these orders: Section 1. The equality and rights of persons. Sec. 5. Allegiance to the United States. (Violations of rights under the US Constitution) Sec. 12. Right of assembly and petition. (Right to protest blatantly and repeatedly denied). Sec. 13. Religious liberty. Sec. 14. Freedom of speech and press. Sec. 17. Slavery and involuntary servitude. (Forcing people to remain in their homes that have committed no crime and preventing them from doing the work and service they desire to do). Sec. 18. Court shall be open. Sec. 19. Law of the land; equal protection of the laws. Sec. 21. Inquiry into restraints on liberty. Sec. 36. Other rights of the people. I request that all representatives that have taken an oath to uphold the NC Constitution defend these liberties. God will judge those who violate their oaths.</p>
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kitsie Whitfield	North Carolina needs to be opened now. The damage the closure is creating is now far worse than what the virus is doing. Keep hot spots under restrictions but open the rest.

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04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tiffany Sayers	<p>Waiting to see how other states respond is absurd. Destroying the masses to save a few is idiotic and destructive.</p> <p>North Carolina needs to return to work on May 1 , 2020. Our great state cannot maintain it's current level of shut down without dire, predictable, and other unforeseen consequences on so many levels. The impacts will affect each and every person. Our communities, churches, neighbors, and personal choices will be able to move forward successfully and handle the future repercussions. If you must chose to quarantine, then do so with the minority of the population of high risk individuals. Families, churches, communities, and neighbors (a.k.a the majority of the population) can then provide any necessary support for the high risk population by providing services, goods, and financial support. It would be less of a burden and lessen the impact on so many levels if we rallied and provided care for the minority of the population instead of providing financial support for every single person in North Carolina. Our state and federal government has a limited amount of money, NOT an UNlimited amount. #ReopenNC</p>
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Substance abuse!! Jessica Yarboro	I work in substance abuse and mental health and out of my 50 patients 38 of them are not able to work at all or their hours are cut. From March 15th through today my patients are reporting MUCH higher levels of depression and anxiety and triggers. I am extremely worried about the risk of relapse, overdose and suicide rates if this continues and you should be too!
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Kristen Cochran	We need to #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tiffany Sayers	<p>North Carolina needs to return to work on May 1 , 2020. Our great state cannot maintain it's current level of shut down without dire, predictable, and other unforeseen consequences on so many levels. The impacts will affect each and every person. Our communities, churches, neighbors, and personal choices will be able to move forward successfully and handle the future repercussions. If you must chose to quarantine, then do so with the minority of the population of high risk individuals. Families, churches, communities, and neighbors (a.k.a the majority of the population) can then provide any necessary support for the high risk population by providing services, goods, and financial support. It would be less of a burden and lessen the impact on so many levels if we rallied and provided care for the minority of the population instead of providing financial support for every single person in North Carolina. Our state and federal government has a limited amount of money, NOT an UNlimited amount. #ReopenNC</p>
04/16/2020 01:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Rishi Bhambri	Reopen NC. My wife is a primary care provider at a major hospital and they are having their hours cut, a few Covid patients coming in. We have capacity to manage if folks get sick, so we should be able to open.
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Education Working Group	Dr. Mareva McDaniel	North Carolina should not "re-open" until it has met the six criteria outlined by WHO for safety. The first criteria is tesing. As it stands, NC has no real idea of the extent of viral spread and now idea how it has spread. Until the state can get a handle on those two

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04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Education Working Group	Tiffany Sayers	<p>basic things, re-opening would only risk more lives. It makes no sense to re-open at the cost of more lives. From a practical standpoint that would hurt the economy even more.</p> <p>North Carolina needs to return to work on May 1 , 2020. Our great state cannot maintain it's current level of shut down without dire, predictable, and other unforeseen consequences on so many levels. The impacts will affect each and every person. Our communities, churches, neighbors, and personal choices will be able to move forward successfully and handle the future repercussions. If you must chose to quarantine, then do so with the minority of the population of high risk individuals. Families, churches, communities, and neighbors (a.k.a the majority of the population) can then provide any necessary support for the high risk population by providing services, goods, and financial support. It would be less of a burden and lessen the impact on so many levels if we rallied and provided care for the minority of the population instead of providing financial support for every single person in North Carolina. Our state and federal government has a limited amount of money, NOT an UNlimited amount. #ReopenNC</p>
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Wazzala Oluchi	<p>People are dying from way more than Covid 19. It's killing people and their mental ability to survive. My city is not crime riddled. Yet since this has happened all I hear about is domestic abuse cases in and around my community. Please see how this is hurting instead of helping people. People depend on each other. Just like you all depend on the people to vote for you. We depend on you to make good decisions that effect any and everyone. Hear our humble cry. Not complaints, but cries for help from our leaders in charge. If this doesn't change your mind, let it change your soul so that you make the right decision to help the people. Reopen the state and don't extend this any further. So that people can get back to some form of normality.</p>
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Please reopen nc Clint Brown	<p>Please reopen nc</p>
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kimberly	<p>We need to open NC, our businesses will not survive. Keep immune compromised safe by them staying home and let us work. 94% survive this. Advertise that.</p>
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Coreydon Moody	<p>We have to open our businesses back up. The 14th Amendment is being violated daily. We must stop picking winners and losers and allow the people of NC to use their personal judgment on how, when, and where they do business. You must remember: Quarantine is when we restrict the movement of sick people. Tyranny is when we restrict the movement of healthy people. Open our great state again and allow the vulnerable to stay home. Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dan Baugher	<p>Please for the love of God open the state back up. How are ABC stores essential but school and church aren't? The virus is nowhere near as virulent or deadly as thought. Stole restricting our liberty in the name of "safety"</p>
04/16/2020 01:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Taxpayers Sandra Bray	<p>Reopen NC . There is no sense in continuing. People who argue with this than stay at home!! This virus is no different than the flu. People have recovered and some have passed. So there is no difference!! You can't hide if you gonna get it or I am gonna get it so be it. You cannot fear the unseen! You have to learn to live with things that happen!</p>

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			Staying closed has done nothing!! Use your heads!! Roy coop you a disgrace! I pray you get voted out!!!
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Cox	We need you all to reopen NC now!!!! People are being ruined as we speak!!! The numbers do not warrant a continued shutdown.
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Deborah Cox	I trust this group will select procedures to keep essential services operating while protecting state workers. I have been a poll worker for three years and I cannot jeopardize my health with Covid 19 in November. Electronic voting or prepaid mail in voting needs to be considered. Also consider a rotation schedule for public safety workers and a monthly testing provided by the state and or uniform allowance as their clothing will require more rigorous washing procedures. Tough decisions for citizens to make but we all need to support the greater good.
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please reopen NC jobs! Carol Winesette	-prioritize protection of elderly - allow small businesses to reopen with protective measures - get our children back in school Please! They are least vulnerable. Separate them from elderly. They are already separated even in isolation. There are serious mental health issues on our horizon!
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashlyn Harrelson	Strongly for reopening NC small businesses. We need our small businesses and are capable of making our own safe and smart decisions.
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cynthia Courtney	Re open NC. This is a manufactured crisis and the data proves it!
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Joanna Pike	Please stop this ridiculous shutdown. Everyone knows it is part of a game. I and has nothing to do with the virus. Open it up - we are calling your bluff!!
04/16/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Charles Myers	Open N.C. now. Totally unconstitutional. Destroying people's right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.
04/16/2020 01:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Le Ann Fenton	As an active NC registered voter and small business owner, I'm strongly opposed to the open ended shut-down of our state. Our constitutional rights have been sacrificed at the altar of scientific modeling, and ceded to unelected Public Health Directors. The actual data does not justify this forced closure of businesses, delayed elective surgeries, and confinement to our homes, amongst other wrongs, that is taking place now. The rights of all US citizens in NC, including my own, have been subjugated to an ever changing numbers game intent on mystifying this coronavirus' potential damage and cowing us into quiet acceptance of unreasonable governances. As my elected representative, I politely demand that you get involved to bring this shut-down to an end at the original 30 days cited in executive order #121, if not before. Normally, I close with a thank you, but since this message addresses my constitutional rights and not a request for a favor, I say REOPEN NC now.
04/16/2020 01:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Ms. Marian Kent	OPEN OUR COUNTRY AND STOP DENYING US OUR CIVIL RIGHTS!!

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04/16/2020 01:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Open NC!
04/16/2020 01:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Karen Viscito	You should keep the state closed and continue the stay at home order until science proves it is time to reopen. And I fully trust that it will be done only when there is proper testing, And it should NOT be simply a flip of a switch and everyone is back out as if it was 2019. If the state reopens too soon, we will experience what NY, NJ and other hard hit areas are experiencing. People need to understand that NC does not have the capacity to handle the number of critical COVID-19 cases that will emerge. Too many people think that this is being "overblown". These people are uneducated and should not be influencing the correct decision, which is to follow what science is telling us to do.
04/16/2020 01:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Denise Foutz	Time to reopen. Or state economy and way of life are being hammered. Quarantine those who are at risk only. Give the attention to our nursing homes where it is needed.
04/16/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Melly Bosch	To Governor Cooper and all those in leadership. I implore you to please get NC open and back to work. I believe that those who are immune compromised along with Nursing Homes and places of our most sick and vulnerable should remain quarantined or remain home, no different than when you're normally sick, and allow those who are healthy to return to work. We are already seeing the devastating effects to friends and families who have either already announced that they will not be able to re-open, along with others that will not be able to continue to hold on, and there is not enough money for all the small businesses! There has been an increase in suicide and drug/ alcohol addictions. If we continue to stay closed beyond April I believe you are choosing to hurt and hinder more people causing more destruction then COVID-19 will.
04/16/2020 01:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Please reopen NC! There are ways to help those most vulnerable, but dictating to everyone is not the way! Let people decide for themselves what they're comfortable with! If they want to stay home, they can do that. If they want to go back to work, they can do that. Please give people the freedom to choose what's best for them and their family!
04/16/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	C Stevenson	Please reopen NC now! Let the healthy work. Let the at risk quarantine.
04/16/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carah Wheeler	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Support shut down coVid19 Theresa Coleman	We should remain as we are until such time as there can be proven a safe and effective way to reopen. This should be non-debatable. The lives and health of our citizens should always come first.
04/16/2020 01:24 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Michelle McClellan	Open NC back up!!
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Rachel Mills	Please reopen the state ASAP exactly as you closed it down. It should not be more complicated than that. The virus is nasty, but it was a false alarm. It is treatable.
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support	Reopen NC Heidi	Please allow Salons to reopen on a one client at a time basis by May 1. I've been a private

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	Working Group	Medlin	nail technician for 25 years. My husband (Horse and carriage business) and I are both considered non essential and have not receive assistance. We have applied but all is still pending. We need to work! We want to work! Allow us to reopen and work safely so we can support our family.
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Heather Sammons	Reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Laura White	You need to reopen NC and get people back to work!!!
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Connie Bumgarner	open North Carolina now..we are being sold a bill of goods...flattening the curve is prolonging the agony..give me back my freedom..open up my state.
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Gibbs	Please, please let us make the best decisions for our family and ourselves and re-open North Carolina. Real estate agents must be deemed essential both state wide and in our county. I have so many clients that must sell transferring for a new job and we are not able to properly market their home because of the restrictions. We can practice safe social distancing and CDC recommendations for all private showings. North Carolina must re-open
04/16/2020 01:25 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Select Prefix/Title nancy manion	I am attempting to comment on the continued quarantine in NC. There is growing scientific and statistical evidence that the coronavirus pandemic is not nearly as devastating to the North Carolina general public or healthcare system as was predicted. In that case, the quarantine order needs to be amended to target vulnerable populations. There is no scientific evidence that children are vulnerable, and therefore the schools need to be reopened immediately. Legally, executive order 121 violates the United States Constitution. The order on its face violates the provisions of the 1st amendment that provides the government shall make no law that prohibits the right of the people to peacefully assemble or to prohibit the free exercise of religion. The order is a violation of civil liberties in that it prohibits certain classes of citizens the right to earn a living. The order violates the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment because it does not provide a rational basis for discriminating against small business owners. The term "essential" is inherently vague, and that any law that is vague is void on its face. Enforcement of the law leads to absurd results. If a person is arrested for violating the law, then the peace officer must violate the 6-foot distance requirement. If the person arrested is taken into custody, then they are being forced to violate the provision that requires people to stay at home unless for a reason that is essential.
04/16/2020 01:26 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Edd Lovette	We can work and fight the coronavirus at the same time. Destroying our children and grandchildren's future is worse then the virus. I am one of the high risk persons and would rather take the risk of opening the economy back up then watching my children's futures destroyed!
04/16/2020 01:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Holly Gibson	Please reopen NC!!! I'm a singke mom who needs to go back to the salon so I can provide for my kids. We were already taking extreme precautions before Gov. Cooper shut us down. The numbers don't add up to closing us down and taking our freedom away. I am yet to be able to receive unemployment and still have not received a stimulis check. People are going to be in an uproar as we face warmer weather. The virus is not anything like we have been led to believe by the media. Please open up our state!!! It's not just for my benefit...it's best for our state and our country!!!!

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04/16/2020 01:26 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Judy Chou	Please keep the stay at home order in place until the science and data suggest that it would be safe to start loosening restrictions. We are all in this together. We are only as healthy as our sickest neighbor.
04/16/2020 01:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Karen Dioli	PLEASE open North Carolina. Residents at risk can stay home but our economy is dying and local businesses need to reopen so that those of us who are not at risk can support our fellow citizens!!!
04/16/2020 01:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Rose	We need to get back to work. I am self employed and cannot work due to shutdown restrictions. Please let us go back to work! We will lose everything if we can't.
04/16/2020 01:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	CONCERNED CITIZEN OF NC J Williams	We desperately need to REOPEN NC. We have already reached the peak and the numbers are extremely lower than the initial projections. Hospitals are not overwhelmed BUT our economy is. We need to reopen businesses so that business owners have a chance to survive and all other workers can get back to work and meet their financial commitments.
04/16/2020 01:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Roth	There is no reason for all businesses to be closed at this point. If large chains are allowed to be open with limited amounts of customers & the use of acceptable preventatives, why are we killing our small business owners & their employees by refusing to allow them to be open with the same rules? Large gatherings can continue to be slowly added, but allowing churches to open with limited seating, or utilizing the outdoors to accommodate the needed space needs to be offered. Beaches should be open to the residents that live there. By continuing to keep things as they are, it is just prolonging the inevitable, and doing more harm than good, economically, as well as keeping the peace.
04/16/2020 01:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Steve Norman	Governor Cooper should allow businesses to reopen no later than May 1st. As an American I have the right to live my life. Life is full of risks. Government does not have the right to tell me I can't leave my home. The lives of many good hardworking people are being destroyed by this order. Open NC now.
04/16/2020 01:27 PM	Health Care Working Group	Chris Kittinger	Please end this unwarranted shut down of our state! The shutdown is destroying more lives than the virus ever will! It's time to get on with our lives!
04/16/2020 01:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Paula Federline	Open NC
04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Michael Nootbaar	I urge you to reopen our businesses immediately! The Covid-19 crisis is a paper tiger with only 452 currently hospitalized in the entire state. And don't make the argument that it was the lockdown; the data shows there is no correlation in infection rates between states that have lockdowns and those that don't. The real crisis is the lost jobs and closed businesses. These keep increasing every day while the Covid infection rate is now in decline. Do the right thing and remove this lockdown!
04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	The curve has been flatted Anthony Franklin	We have succeeded in flattening the curve. The point all along has been to avoid overburdening our healthcare system. Done! It is time to start relaxing the restrictions. Quarantine is not a cure. Quarantine isn't a treatment. Quarantine was a postponement. It's time to move forward.

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04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Gregory Miller	Please open NC up. By staying shut down, It will be harder for the economy to recover & our civil liberties are dwindling away. The cure will kill more people than the virus.
04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open up Roxanne B	We really need to open our economy. people are losing everything because they can not work. Peoples mental health is in danger as well.
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04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Elana McClure	Please allow us to reopen our businesses in North Carolina, my husband and I own restaurants and a brewery in Carteret County and have been in this business for close to 30 years. We have had to lay off 90 employees, all of which are ready to come back to work. Carteret County is a tourist destination, we only have a 3 month window to make enough money to sustain our businesses throughout the rest of the year. If we cannot open up by May, we may face shutting down all together. We are capable of social distancing our customers by only seating a certain percentage of our tables. Our staff is well aware of what it would take as far as hygiene practices to be able to work safely. We cannot afford to stay closed any longer. Please allow us to open by May. ALL businesses and their employees in NC are "essential" to our economy and we are ready to go back to work.
04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	beth capillary	Friends and family members of mine are losing their lifelong business is because of the shut down. It's time to let small businesses return to work with precautions in place and limited capacity. The data just does not show that we need to be in the shut down that we are in to save lives. Lives are being lost already in other ways because of this shut down.
04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	1993 Debra Decola	Please help us by not closing us down. we have owned our small business here in the small rural area of the mountains of North Carolina for over 30 years and if the state does not get up and running ASAP we will be forced to close down. Our business has been our life for so many years with a lot of hard work and dedication and it will break us to see what we have accomplished to go down because of this pandemic. If it be Gods will that we get this covid 19 and to either die or get better its Gods will. So please just put us back in the hands of God
04/16/2020 01:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	My health my decision Katie Crane	It is not the government's role to protect individual health. It is my role to protect myself and I have no expectation that society shut down to protect me. We know many things in this world are deadly, but they do not get the same treatment as this. We do not shut down knowing others will die every year from the flu. This is not about doing anything to save 1 life, if so the flu, car accidents, cancer, pneumonia, etc would all be treated exactly like this situation. Allow individuals to reopen their businesses. Social distancing can still be maintained while not ruining everything people have worked for and crushing the American dream.
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Health Care Working Group	marshall insurance gary sides	We need to-reopen NC May 1. Get the kids back in school May 18 and lengthen the school year by a month.
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Event Specialist Mary Benjamin	Governor. Please consider the economic harm to our great State and do your best to reopen NC for business while there is still time to keep us on our feet, falling now...cannot maintain against the gravitonal pull! A concerned elderly working citizen, willing to chance it to save our State!!

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04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Charity Richardson	We have to go to reopen NC!!! This is hurting our economy so badly!! Thousands are out of jobs with no hope in sight. Reopen NC with proper rules put in place. Don't make things worse by having an economy shut down. Please!
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Diane Lamm	Re open North Carolina..
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Diana Laughter	OPEN NC BACK UP! Your decisions are destroying our economy! Do it slowly with small businesses first. Require masks to be worn in public! The workers in this nation supply the tax money to pay your salaries! When we don't work you're not going to get paid eventually!!!! Use some common sense.
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Marsha Postlewaite	Too many are suffering. Please #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	End the shutdown madison broussard	Re-open NC
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC!!! Carrington Buck	Gov. Cooper -  My husband and I are both out of work and have a 7mo old son and 2 mothers with advanced stage cancer. We need to work to provide for our family. Please reopen NC so we can get back to work.  ALL the models have been wrong thus far - we need to reopen and manage the virus in tandem. Please don't make this about politics, make this about giving your state a fighting chance. We need you to do the reasonable thing here.
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Kristie Bloem	We need to re-open schools and businesses. We can do it cautiously, keeping people safe. But many NC families are running out of options financially. And keeping kids locked like prisoners in their homes for months on end is just cruel and unnecessary, given they are the lowest risk group among us.
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Randal Thomas	An economic depression is more dangerous than the virus.
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Brian Pitts	This state needs to be opened ASAP! It is ridiculous that a virus no worse than the flu is causing our entire state, and country, to be shut down and our constitutional rights being infringed upon!
04/16/2020 01:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Oliver	I agree to reopen NC for small business owners. Keeping everything shut down is certain economic decline and death for our state!
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Larissa Tyler	We need to reopen NC! This is unsustainable and the numbers from the CDC, even though they are inflated by their own admission of counting all SUSPECTED covid cases among the covid count numbers, do not warrant these extreme measures which will cause an economic crisis. Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nancy Patterson	#ReOpenNC. The state needs to get back our freedoms. All businesses need to be open. Those who are vulnerable can continue staying home but those who are not need to get back to living. This is unconstitutional

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04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Open NC!!
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Amy Irving	Open our state! Your killing us!!
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jess Mills	We have to reopen businesses. More lives will be lost or destroyed by the economic shutdown than by this virus if we don't reopen immediately.
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Re-open NC!!
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Small Businesses Suffer! Carla Shaver	Small businesses are suffering, the American dream of owning your own business is diminishing quickly. Reopen NC and let people use common sense. Some of you have said, my body my choice. If it can apply to taking a life (which I don't agree with, but apparently some do), it should definitely apply to whether I want to go out in public.
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Sondra Stein	I am greatly concerned about requests to reopen the economy before we have put in place an appropriate regimen of testing, tracing, and treatment that will allow us to continue to contain and mitigate the virus. While we are in the process of preparing in these ways to reopen, it would be helpful if the General Assembly would assist workers and businesses by: expanding unemployment insurance so it is consistent with the CARES Act and covers the maximum percent of workers who have lost their jobs as a result of the virus emergency, underwriting efforts like the Durham FEAST program which keeps restaurant staff working and feeds poor families, creating a state level small business stabilization program that provides short-term interest-free loans to businesses to keep them from going under and help them prepare for reopening in a safe way. Thank you!
04/16/2020 01:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open Bill Weaver	Please open NC for business. We are close to bleeding out. At least eastern NC.
04/16/2020 01:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mike Concannon	The state needs to look at easing restrictions instead of continuing or the economic and general welfare fallout will be severe.
04/16/2020 01:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Jennifer Horne	REOPEN NC and protect businesses from having to permanently close their doors.
04/16/2020 01:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Tammy Person	Reopen NC! We need to get everything back up. Families are suffering It's time!
04/16/2020 01:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Mr James Connolly	Please reopen North Carolina!

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 01:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Frankie Hart	Please be the voice of reason and consider keeping at risk people sheltered but allow healthy people to work! Allow businesses to open before they close forever. The numbers DO NOT justify this shutdown!
04/16/2020 01:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jennifer Johannesen	We need to get North Carolina back to work!! And open up the beaches, for heaven's sake. Why are beaches closed (lots of fresh open air) but yet golf courses remain open?? Could it be that the people in power like that power -- they already have private beach and boat access and want their golf courses open too? Of course we need to protect our vulnerable -- the elderly (my 83-year-old parents live with me and they do not go out), the infirm, babies, etc. -- but not at the expense of the millions of healthy, ready-to-work adults!
04/16/2020 01:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jennifer Hansley	Please reopen North Carolina starting May 1st. The strain cannot continue to be maintained. Please relinquish the orders.
04/16/2020 01:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Shutting the economy down and shutting people into their homes is having negative mental and emotional effects on many. The threat of covid-19 has been proven to be much smaller than originally thought & there are therapies that have been proven safe and effective. At this point, the shutdown is more harmful to the general health of our population than the coronavirus.
04/16/2020 01:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen cynthia willis	Please let us open our salons. I'm one on one. This is my livelihood. I am Essential because it's work of starve. Loose everything I got. We know how to be safe. Please allow us to open.
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC up soon!!!! Kelly Gates	We are without hardly any income because my hours were drastically cut as a RN (in s clinic) and my husbands business is closed due to COVID19.... he has not been approved unemployment benefits yet from the state of NC! How are we supposed to survive?! We need to open back up because people's lives are being destroyed economically!
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rick Donaldson	I live in Brunswick County. We have beaches shut down. We have a LOT of small businesses barely making ends meet. We have ABC stores OPEN, which equates to Revenue income for the State, but all the small businesses expected to pay their taxes, can't function. There is something SERIOUSLY wrong with this picture.  Reopen our state, reopen out counties, reopen our beaches and do it now.  People are adults, and reasoning individuals and can CHOSE to stay HOME without a "Police State" forcing them to do so, if they feel they are in danger from this virus.  Get some common sense back in to the state officials, or lose your jobs.  It's time to Man (Or Woman) up and get your act in gear.
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Char Kluvers	Please reopen North Carolina on May 1, 2020
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Richard Sumner	We must open sooner than later. Our businesses cannot expect to survive this.

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04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Emily Goodman	Please reopen NC immediately. NC families need to go back to work. Everyone drawing unemployment will not help. We need our jobs and our state up and running again!!
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Education Working Group	Samantha Daughtry	Please reopen NC! We understand there may be some conditions to maintain the healthy and safety but we need to get back to work! Loans and grants are great but our temporary to what will be a permanently problem if NC does not find a way to re-open. Our County has 5 cases and surrounding counties have very few as well. We should not be treated like large cities.
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Health Care Working Group	Cecelia Webb	Need to reopen state
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Chris Rash	Slow start to reopen....keep schools closed...
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Rebecca Burmester	I know so many low wage workers lacking health insurance and I cannot understand the rationale of elected officials for not making Medicaid expansion an option for my friends.
04/16/2020 01:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Steve Linton	It's time to start reopening businesses while protecting vulnerable populations. There are and will be small businesses that will not be coming back from this shutdown. Where will those folks find jobs. We need to get restarted ASAP.
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Education Working Group	Amy Fitzhenry	Open NC
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Tiffany McCawley	As a concerned citizen in NC, I urge you to consider beginning to allow our citizens to resume a slow and careful reopening of our state. We need to reopen our economy and prevent further economic and societal damage. We can slowly begin a return to normal operations safely!
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Destinee Shumate	I am writing in regards to opening up NC again. My brother lived with me for 2 years and finally moved out 2 months ago with his girlfriend and bought a house. He just got a new car and was thriving before this shut down. It have been hard on both of them and my husband and I are helping them out as much as possible but if you open up NC it won't just help them again but us! I truly believe if you open up NC again and just have places take precautions to help stay safe we will be just fine! Thank you for listening and reading my message!
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Education Working Group	Stephanie Mccauley	Open NC now!
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mary Gierie-Merrell	1 life is too many. Keep us closed. Untill every citizen can be tested and we have answers to the 100's of unanswered questions we can not open up.
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support	Erin Vasquez	Please open NC back up. It is killing my small business. As a single mother with no other

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	Working Group		means of income and being denied (for now) unemployment, the state needs to be open. I cannot work unless I have childcare which will not accept my children unless I have an essential job.
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Health Care Working Group	Quarantine needs to stop Mathew Gates	I am attempting to comment on the continued quarantine in NC. There is growing scientific and statistical evidence that the coronavirus pandemic is not nearly as devastating to the North Carolina general public or healthcare system as was predicted. In that case, the quarantine order needs to be amended to target vulnerable populations. There is no scientific evidence that children are vulnerable, and therefore the schools need to be reopened immediately. Legally, executive order 121 violates the United States Constitution. The order on its face violates the provisions of the 1st amendment that provides the government shall make no law that prohibits the right of the people to peacefully assemble or to prohibit the free exercise of religion. The order is a violation of civil liberties in that it prohibits certain classes of citizens the right to earn a living. The order violates the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment because it does not provide a rational basis for discriminating against small business owners. The term "essential" is inherently vague, and any law that is vague is void on its face. Enforcement of the law leads to absurd results. If a person is arrested for violating the law, then the peace officer must violate the 6-foot distance requirement. If the person arrested is taken into custody, then they are being forced to violate the provision that requires people to stay at home unless for a reason that is essential.
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jackie Damato	You need to open NC now
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Ernesta Rhodes	REOPEN NC!!!!
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Sieglinde Stevens	Reopen NC and allow us, the citizens, to use common sense in deciding how much public exposure is safe for ourselves and our families!
04/16/2020 01:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Becky Skinner	It is time to reopen the state. Let people work and take care of their families. You are ruining the economy, businesses and people's lives. People are suffering mentally. They cannot pay bills. Stop falsifying numbers of cases and deaths.
04/16/2020 01:35 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		REOPEN NC! Quarantine is when you restrict movement of sick people. Tyranny is when you restrict the movement of healthy people. The numbers do not fit the narrative. The people can make their own decisions to reduce further spread without a partisan agenda from the government interfering with our inalienable rights. Let the people and small businesses get back to work.
04/16/2020 01:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Henson	Open NC before you loose all small businesses!!!!!!
04/16/2020 01:35 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Ginger Casbon	NC needs to re-open the state now!!!! Keep the elderly and at risk people home and allow the healthy to get the state going again!!
04/16/2020 01:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Dr Sondra Stein	The legislature should mend current legislation on Absentee voting to make it easier for all registered North Carolinians to vote by mail this November. While I love the public ritual of coming together with my fellow citizens to vote, in person, during early voting or on election day, experts believe that a resurgence of the COVID19 virus is likely in the fall –

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	Group		assuming that we are able to contain it in the next month or two. It is foolish for us to create a situation like what just occurred in Wisconsin where we all need to choose between exercising our franchise and preserving our lives – especially when we have time to put in place secure procedures to maximize voting by mail. Let's assure free and fair elections this November by making it easy for every registered voter to receive a ballot by mail; and easy for them to return it safely by providing prepaid postage. Five states already do this – without voter fraud – for all elections, and 16 other states do it for some election. We can too.
04/16/2020 01:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	1967 Debbie Nickel	There is growing scientific and statistical evidence that the coronavirus pandemic is not nearly as devastating to the North Carolina general public or healthcare system as was predicted. In that case, the quarantine order needs to be amended to target vulnerable populations. There is no scientific evidence that children are vulnerable, and therefore the schools need to be reopened immediately. Legally, executive order 121 violates the United States Constitution. The order on its face violates the provisions of the 1st amendment that provides the government shall make no law that prohibits the right of the people to peacefully assemble or to prohibit the free exercise of religion. The order is a violation of civil liberties in that it prohibits certain classes of citizens the right to earn a living. The order violates the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment because it does not provide a rational basis for discriminating against small business owners. The term "essential" is inherently vague, and any law that is vague is void on its face. Enforcement of the law leads to absurd results. If a person is arrested for violating the law, then the peace officer must violate the 6-foot distance requirement. If the person arrested is taken into custody, then they are being forced to violate the provision that requires people to stay at home unless for a reason that is essential
04/16/2020 01:36 PM	Education Working Group	K Cook	NC is in need to open... even if it's a soft opening!!
04/16/2020 01:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Richard Bivins	We need to reopen North Carolina, With Governor Cooper's Executive orders he has single handedly shut down many small businesses, not to mention hairdressers. Reopen NC
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Robin Gross	Reopen NC. The economy is crashing. The hospitals in NC are not overflowing with Covid-19 patients. We are a country that earns their paychecks by working hard and using common sense.
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Ginger Casbon	NC needs to be re-opened now!!!! Keep the elderly and at risk people at home, but allow the healthy to get the state running again!!
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jefferey Garrett	PLEASE do the right thing and re-open NC. I am a small business owner and I can't survive much longer without a way to provide for my family. Thank you
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please open North Carolina. Thank you.
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Cindy Stafford	We need restrictions lifted. Elective surgeries need to be started back. Gyms need to reopen, small businesses can't survive.
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Continuity of State	Mr Russ Rutledge	Please ReOpen NC

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04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC David Bassett	Please open NC. Save our small town companies.
04/16/2020 01:37 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stuart Collins	<p>Dear Representatives:</p> <p>I am writing today to encourage you all to begin moving against Governor Cooper in order to force him to re-open the state. I live in Mecklenburg County where our local governmental officials are likely to push to stay closed for as long as possible even though the medical evidence in relation to COVID-19 doesn't support any claims for a longer closure – 5,553 cases in 93 counties and 139 deaths: What is really going on here? Businesses have been closed; our God given Constitutional rights to protest and assemble freely have been criminally attacked by every level of government. None of you should expect for the majority of people in North Carolina to continue to go along with this situation much longer.</p> <p>Sincerely, Stuart Collins</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Melisa Berrier	<p>I am a small business owner and myself and other businesses are dying under Mandate 121. I have been trying for 3 weeks to sign up for unemployment and still have not been able to get signed up because the online information requirements are not set up for self employed and unemployed individuals so you have to call in to get help and the lines are so bogged down you cannot get through. We still have business and personal bills coming due and NO income. We need help!! Tired of hearing about all of the help we are getting and I do not know of any small business who has received any her in NC!!</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Denise Watkins	<p>We operate a small business, a micro business. We need to open our doors again to create revenue to support our business.</p> <p>Reopen NC immediately</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Education Working Group		<p>Please open schools!!! These kids need to return to their classrooms, their teachers, their friends. They need that safe place at school to learn and grow. Don't let them slip further behind!!!!</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Janelle Haynes	<p>Re-open NC! We need a shift to personal responsibility instead of government overreach. How?</p> <p>1- Those with compromised immune systems (like me) stay in whenever possible, taking extra measures to screen &amp; limit their visitors (only visit outside, maintaining 6 ft distance, etc) &amp; protect themselves with frequent, correct handwashing, building up their immune system, etc. Care-givers should also ensure that for those under their care.(in nursing homes, etc)</p> <p>2-People not in high risk groups can go out &amp; work, shop, eat at restaurants, get their hair &amp; nails done, have elective medical procedures, massages, attend classes, etc! Businesses can take extra precautions to protect their customers, &amp; if they don't, customers can</p>

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			<p>choose to go elsewhere. Requiring screening measures like touchless temp readings at work might be a viable idea.</p> <p>3-Government should *support* these efforts on all sides, and make reliable testing available to everyone, but NOT strip away personal freedom.</p> <p>We are responsible to make decisions to limit our personal exposure if we know we're vulnerable...everyone else isn't responsible for ensuring that we do that. Those who are sick are responsible to stay away from others until they are well.</p> <p>That's the sensible way to protect our citizens without destroying our economy.</p> <p>There are now many documented cases where re-purposed applications of existing medication combinations are helping people recover from this virus in just a few days.</p> <p>Everyone should take *reasonable* precautions to limit the spread of this virus, but destroying our economy is NOT reasonable.</p> <p>We now have reliable data to base our models on, and predict the behavior of this virus (at first our experts were having to rely on faulty or scarce info). Let's use that real-world data from our own country to inform our decisions going forward. Let's base our reactions on scientific knowledge of how viruses behave, not on fear. It's time to re-open NC!</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennings Wright	<p>This shutdown MUST END. The numbers of sick do not in any way justify the economic devastation caused by the shut down. Less than 1% of the country has had this virus and felt bad enough to get tested. The number who have died is less than half of flu deaths. Wake county just had its FIRST death - the first one from Covid19. Meanwhile, suicide, domestic violence, alcohol use, and drug abuse have soared. Our constitutional rights have been stripped. And small businesses like ours are dying. And then there's the unemployment and accompanying devastation. This CANNOT continue and the governor cannot be allowed to use executive orders to make laws, trample on our rights, and deprive us of our ability to work. Please DO SOMETHING to end this misery!</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carla Warren	<p>Reopen NC!! We are being lied to on a daily basis, this is beyond ridiculous. Businesses have to be open, to make things, sell things--we need the supply chain back up and running. We are FREE people and demand to be treated as such. We will decide what is essential for us. #REOPENNC</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Ginger Casbon	<p>NC needs to be re-opened now!!! Keep the elderly and the at risk people at home and let the healthy get the state going again!!!</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Heather Peterson	<p>Reopen NC. The economic hardships placed on citizens is not saving lives. It's destroying families.</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Keith	<p>Thank you for keeping us safe. We learned a lot about how to do that. Now just like we do our children, it's time to let us go back out in the world and be responsible for ourselves. It's time for us to go back out and support ourselves. It's time for us to pay our in bills so those that we owe can pay their bills. It's time for our children to go back to learning together. Let Seniors at least get to say goodbye to friends of 13 years. They can't get this time back. Folks are getting depressed and that is a disease that you can also prevent by letting us get back to work and life. Let it be our choice. Thank you.</p>
04/16/2020 01:38 PM	Continuity of State	Pam Teator	<p>Please open this state for business by May 1st. I will be following what happens and</p>

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		remember when it comes time to vote.
04/16/2020 01:39 PM	Health Care Working Group	Karen Lambert	Decisions to keep things closed have been based on highly unreliable numbers and an unprecedented move away from what we know about immune system function and building community wide immunity. Crippling small business is not an appropriate response to this situation.
04/16/2020 01:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chase Moser	Open my state back up. This was never about saving lives, it was about not letting the hospitals get over run, many hospitals are now furloughing employees because they're so slow. This decision was made on bad information from flawed data and made up models. Keeping the sick home is a quarantine, keeping the healthy home is tyranny.
04/16/2020 01:39 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Ginger Casbon	NC needs to be re-opened now!!! Keep the elderly and at risk people at home and let the healthy people get the state going again!
04/16/2020 01:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Amy Pegram	Please reopen NC. We need our businesses opened back up.
04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Della Purifoy	REOPEN
04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen small business Sheila Gurganus	we need to reopen our businesses before its too late! If people can go to Walmart, my hair salon is by far cleaner and safer! We self employed are getting no help!
04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	Cristy Bell	My hospital's census has been lower than usually the last 3-4 weeks in an effort to divert non emergent patients in anticipation of the influx of COVID patients that did not happen. As a result my colleagues are being forced to take furloughs or use mandatory paid time off. Small business owners are losing so much money if something isn't done soon they will not be able to afford to reopen. We have effectively flattened the curve which was the intention. Now we are just suppressing the economy and doing irrevocable damage.
04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	A Ehrenreich	Making a request to reopen NC. Many businesses are hurting. Many individuals and families are hurting. UIB is not a life saver to all . It is more of a convoluted mess. Even the stimulus money is not a life saver - esp not when you are accustomed to making more than that and your bills reflect what you make. There are those that are falling thru the cracks based on the unrealistic eligibility requirements for the UIB and the stimulus. You can't hide behind closed doors from a virus. People have to live and be cautious and do the best they can but you can't stay isolated long term. People need their lives to go back to some sort of normalcy. People need to work. People need to interact. Enough is enough you know. It's time to reopen NC.
04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeff Gower	If we continue this shutdown, the "remedy" will most certainly will be worse than the disease. As of the 13th the death rate for civil was .0065%...65 in 10,000. As tragic as it is for those 65 and their families, it hardly justifies the economic destruction being caused by the shutdown. Thank you for your consideration.
04/16/2020 01:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Jennifer Smith	Please reopen our state! We NEED our small businesses. They are the glue of our communities! Please work on a plan to get these hard working people back where they belong.

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04/16/2020 01:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Rodney Keesee	ReopenNC. Businesses are suffering terribly!!!
04/16/2020 01:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Kathy Snyder	We need to get our state and people back to working now. We do not want to be held as slaves to the government and don't want handouts that keep us from being responsible to ourselves. Common sense can and will be used but enough slavery is enough. Waiting for a vaccine to cure this virus is like using the flu vaccine to cure the flu which doesn't work and has killed more every year. Stop using false data, false diagnosis, telling doctors to use COVID 19 codes for deaths that without actual proof of infection is fraud and the fake news to elevate the numbers.
04/16/2020 01:41 PM	Health Care Working Group	Peter Billings	OPEN THE ECONOMY. What you are doing is unconstitutional.
04/16/2020 01:41 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Margaret Moore	It is time for NC to get back to work. NC citizens are smart enough to make decisions for their own well-being and their families. What Governor Cooper has deemed as essential doesn't line up with what is considered essential to many North Carolinians. Our state is full of hard working citizens that want to provide for their families. Dictator Cooper is crippling the economy and creating an environment that leaves citizens relying on the government for their livelihood. That is not the government's role. I also am not ignorant to the true destructive nature of this virus. Illness unfortunately is a part of this life. It's truly never safe to go out but each individual should be able to make those choices for themselves!
04/16/2020 01:41 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jaime Pike	The Governor needs to reopen the state immediately. If we are concerned with the autoimmune-deficient, the young and elderly, then they should be able to WILLINGLY stay home if they feel the need to do so. DO NOT mandate more "Executive Orders" that affect our general freedoms and rights. This is affecting our families, our businesses and more. It is not warranted due to the number of cases reported.
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Now! Deb Dossinger	We need to reopen as soon as possible...the models being used are flawed, current infection rates dont bear out these draconian measures and you are bankrupting small businesses and causing millions to lose their jobs over 400 hospitalized statewide! Its unconstitutional. There is new research that shows this virus acts in the same manner with an 8 week course whether a country shuts down or stays open. People need to go back to work or there will be more deaths, suicides, food lines, homeless, crime. It needs to end NOW!
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lindsey Nance	NC needs to reopen! This is killing small businesses! Our economy was at its all time best and we need to get that back now!
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	MR Jamie Lowder	.
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Stephen Morris	I'm next to bankruptcy..two.more weeks and I'll be bankrupt. And 700k of debt will hurt everyone I owe as well. Let that sink in to your decision
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pam Stalls	NC business need to be reopened! We gave you your month now get us back to work. Business can be opened and social distancing can still be effective. We have flattened the

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			curve - this virus is going no where! Shutting down people's businesses is only going to make matters worse!
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Tori Langley	Open NC, small business owners are going under in record numbers.
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Suzanne Devane	We are not NYC when it comes to COVID-19. The closure was meant to flatten the curve so hospitals wouldn't be overwhelmed. We need to build herd immunity and get the people back to work. Those who are at high risk should feel free to stay home. Enough is enough.
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Eric	As a resident of Forsyth county, I think NC needs to open for business. There is no pathological evidence to continue a shutdown that does no more than deprive working families the ability to provide for themselves. Reopen NC or risk more harm than a virus could ever do.
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	ReOpenNC Now!!! Jillene Brooks	Open NC now... keeping NC shut down will infringe on my freedom to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!" Please consider the millions of people (over the few thousand) whose quality of life will diminish if the economy continues to fall!
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lynn Hancock	It is time for NC to begin mail-in voting! We lived in a state with all mail-in voting for many years. It is secure, convenient, saves money, improves voting access to voters, and increases voter turnout. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 5 states currently have mail in voting for all elections. An additional 16 states permit mail in voting for some elections or jurisdictions. Given the need for social distancing during the coronavirus and the uncertainty of the future of the virus, but the certainty that we have an important Presidential election and NC elections in November, the state must begin to,prepare to allow voters access to the polls via mail for that election?
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Christina Morgan	Please allow us to move as needed! Small businesses are being forced to close, families are struggling to pay for necessities, and those sick are suffering in mostly empty hospitals without the care and support of their loved ones. This is cruel, and shameful for a nation that prides itself on freedom.
04/16/2020 01:42 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Christina Morgan	Please do not continue the lockdown of our state!
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Brenda Tucker	Please re-open our state. The economic impact is devastating and you are not a dictator.
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Phillip Viscito	You sir, will not be receiving my vote in November if you continue down this reckless path.
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Phillip Viscito	I know many people are desperately wanting to get back to "normal". Some suggest that the way to do that is dropping stay-at-home orders. Please act cautiously in that regard. If people crowd the restaurants and bars and we go back to "normal" without:
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Phillip Viscito	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- testing to determine immunity</li> <li>- proven methods to treat the sick</li> <li>- timeline for a vaccine</li> </ul>
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Phillip Viscito	we will be back in lockdown before you know it.

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04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	It's time to reopen Raydel Gimp	The purpose of the stay-home order was to keep hospitals from being overwhelmed. We are still far from ICU capacity, why are even stricter orders being implemented? Those who are elderly, at-risk, or simply worried should be able to stay home but the rest of us who want to get back to work should be allowed to do so.
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Kathy Moore	Open NC. We need to work.
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MRS Robin Sutton	open up !!!!!
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Sondra Stein	Please, please: let's help keep our hospitals open and citizens safe by finally (it's not too late!) approving medicaid expansion as proposed by the Affordable Care Act 8 years ago! North Carolina has lost millions of dollars of our federal tax dollars by refusing to participate in this program. As a result, rural hospitals have had to close and more than half million NC citizens have gone without access to health care. These conditions have always been detrimental to our collective well-being. They are foolish in a pandemic. Please help NC recover by expanding Medicaid.
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Michelle McCumbee	We need to reopen the state before we lose more small businesses!
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Heather Newingham	I am the ESSENCE of a small business... My husband and I own a small retail shop in Northeast NC. We applied for any and all assistance we could get and received NONE! If you do not reopen NC by at least May 1st will be force to close our small business of 15 years. Let the individual decide if they want to go out.
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Health Care Working Group	Reopen NC now Concerned NC Resident	NC needs to be re-opened now. No one loses their minds and shuts the economy down over all the flu deaths or even all the past special named illnesses almost every election year. The numbers arent adding up when you figure true percentages!!!
04/16/2020 01:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shanielle Harvey	We need NC to reopen NOW. The economic devastation is far greater than this virus that has ONLY affected a SMALL percentage of our great state. Unemployment is at an all time high and you can reverse that. We can safely and responsibly open our state back up for work!!
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Haleigh Davis	Open N.C.
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Tammy Lilley	Reopen NC is imperative. Small businesses are being destroyed, which harms all of America. Freedom is a basic American right, yet all of our rights are being stripped away - the right to earn a living, the right to worship our God where we please, the right to make our own decisions! If the American working class isn't out earning their living as they see fit, where do you expect your taxes to come from? We shouldn't have to beg for freedom. It is already ours as Americans.
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jarett Rierson	While the situation with the virus should be taken seriously, many of the steps taken have been beyond reasonable and dangerous to individual freedom and well being. Social distancing can be achieved while "non essential" businesses can be open.

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04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Nathan Robbins	We need to reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Ashley Lorfils	We need to allow businesses to reopen by April 30. I am a registered dental hygienist and have not been working since 3/18. Dental health is an important role in overall health. Many systemic conditions can be made worse with uncontrolled periodontitis. I would like to see the general assembly re open NC for the benefit of the local economy as well.
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Nathan Robbins	We need to reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Laura Miller	Listen up North Carolina State government: you need to lift this austere and unnecessary set of restrictions on your citizens. You are destroying our state's economy. Lift the restrictions now. Covid 19 is no worse than the seasonal influenza. And the worst of it appears to be over. Stop listening to the fear-mongering media. Make smart decisions as elected officials of the people of your state. Allow people to return to work. To be able to make an honest income. To be able to support their families.
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nathan Robbins	We need to reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	george Monroe	Let people go back to work! This has gone on long enough!
04/16/2020 01:44 PM	Education Working Group	Nathan Robbins	We need to reopen NC!
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business reopening William Gray	I am strongly in favor of responsible reopening of non-essential businesses. It is an abhorrent overreach of government intervention to have shuttered some businesses without immediate funding relief while other essential businesses have operated in a very responsible manner and have proven businesses can be open with responsible distancing and sanitation processes. The state system was in no way prepared to support the shutdown and either must immediately provide quick funding or allow business to function responsibly.
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Open up NC Unsuok Song	provide the science and facts to help us understand why we are still closed? Use smarter method to separate vulnerable and healthy.
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Samuel Tucker	The shutdown needs to stop now. The economic impact is going to be irreversible. We don't need a military state implemented here.
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Matthew Costa	I am a small business owner in Kitty Hawk. This closure has impacted the ability to feed, house and clothe my young children. Reopen NOW!
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Education Working Group	Reopen NC Hayley Hamilton	I understand why we initially panicked about this novel virus. However as time has gone by it is very evident predictions were not accurate at all. The numbers are incredibly small. What this is doing to SO many families and businesses is absolutely unnecessary. The state needs to be reopened immediately. Of course caring for our most vulnerable and

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			keeping them apart. PLEASE please do what is necessary to get us back to work. Thank you.
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Melissa Suggs	My husband is a freelance commercial photographer. His work has been deemed "non-essential". In order to continue to provide for our family of five, he is now working for DoorDash. He is being exposed to more people now (and making a small percentage of his normal daily rate of pay) than if he were to be allowed to work in the small commercial photography studios where he is contracted. Please, REOPEN NC his work is incredibly ESSENTIAL to our family's well-being.
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Deborah Trkula	We are all for keeping the at-risk populations safe. Let's be creative with alternative solutions and stop paralyzing local small businesses that our economy is built upon. Please start reopening small businesses. Hair salon, nail salons, medical non essentials like dental cleaning and elective surgery. Appointment only. Masks worn by all involved. Hands washed before and after. Not more than x people in sq footage and 6 foot rule enforced. (As much as possible with salon involvement. ). Please please
04/16/2020 01:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Fred Stagg	Reopen NC now. Remove the stay at home order. Small businesses are drowning. You are destroying the economy. Your cure, is worse than the disease.
04/16/2020 01:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Scoti Testa	Freedom is the right to make good and bad choices. It's the choice to quarantine yourself or to go to work! We don't need a new normal!!!! Please do not make a mockery of every military death! Do not put >1% of our population above everyone else!!!
04/16/2020 01:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Nancy Kimsey	I do not support mail in votes for the election in November, other than regular absentee ballots. If people can line up safely in a grocery store for food, they can line up safely to vote. November is too far away to be making these decisions now.
04/16/2020 01:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Teresa Threadgill	Re open NC
04/16/2020 01:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Clark	We need to reopen NC. Businesses are suffering and some even closing due to this. It's time to get our economy back up and going.
04/16/2020 01:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Russell Coillot	Please allow the citizens of NC to get back to work. Many of us will start dying from depression and financial despair if we don't do something quickly. The reality is that those who are most susceptible can self quarantine and we can help them by making sure we respect their rights as well as respecting others right to provide for our families.
04/16/2020 01:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shelbi awabdy	RE OPEN NC!! What on earth do you think will happen to our State / Country if we don't get our economy back up and running !?? RE OPEN NC NOW! We are pleading that you do the right thing for the people! We can do both, protect our vulnerable and protect our economy - unless we continue in this direction and do nothing, making us ALL vulnerable. Stop making this about politics, stop placing your leftist agenda before the well being of the people you were elected to serve! We will remember this in NOVEMBER! We will vote you out!
04/16/2020 01:47 PM	Education Working Group	Reopen my state Stormie Speaks	It's time for our citizens to get back to work. There's no funding for small businesses. No unemployment and no stimulus check. Let us go back to work. Quarantine the sick.

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04/16/2020 01:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Eubanks	I respectfully request the Governor lift his executive order closing most businesses in North Carolina no later than April 30th. The citizens of this Great State need to get back to work. People of North Carolina are beginning to get impatient and need to open their businesses and get back to the business of making a living and caring for their families. The federal and state governments cannot support all families financially. I understand the health aspect of this shut-down, but Governor Cooper has to understand the economic aspect as well. I think the citizens of North Carolina will be willing to stay home until April 30th, but I also think the governor and the legislators will see a substantial push back of any extension beyond the 30th. Thank you for your time and support.
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Michelle Young	Open NC. Stop taking away our rights!!
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jeanette Carter	REOPEN NC! The collateral damage that will be done by a complete economic collapse will be far worse than the original problem. Small business owners who have worked their whole lives building their business will lose everything, the stress from lost jobs lost businesses or furloughed workers who cannot pay their bills or their rent or their mortgage and support their families will be a bigger health crisis than the virus! Stress can cause heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, suicide, mental illness etc. The most vulnerable people can Quarantine themselves and protect themselves while letting People work and hold onto their businesses and support their families so that they don't experience complete financial ruin and the health risks associated with that as well. This has become a political issue, with our Democratic Governor just "towing the party line" with no real regard for the well being of ALL citizens of this state! Do the right thing for everyone and re-open NC!!
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Education Working Group	Gloria Bullock	Please push for extension of "shelter in place" order, although few children are contracting COVID-19, there are veteran teachers at risk. 2nd. Ask that landlords DO NOT INCREASE RENTS during this period. Thanks
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Hairstylist Karen McIntosh	We need our beaches open, allow us to go back to work. I have not received stimulus or unemployment which I have filed for both. Running out of savings. Please ! Give us the right to take care of ourselves! We can use universal precautions.!
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Cindy Everhart Collins	I agree with some restrictions moving forward, but as the REAL numbers improve, we need to move towards soft re-openings in the next week. I work for a large hospital system and we prepared for a surge. We have never had more than 43 COVID-19 patients in a 800-bed acute care facility. That is no way a surge! We are now down to 15positive cases. We cannot keep people home and afraid for another month.
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David Geren	The negative economic impact of this shutdown is now outweighing the health benefit. We are nowhere near the projected deaths predicted for NC. The state needs to re-open at the end of April
04/16/2020 01:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	LouRae Holt	I would like to see NC reopen for business May 1. My family needs their livelihood back. People need to use their own best judgment at this point to protect themselves from the virus which has not overwhelmed our state. Thank you for considering my voice.
04/16/2020 01:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	William Bunn	open this state back up for business or step down.

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04/16/2020 01:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen N.C.! Anita Blake	We need to reopen N.C. and get back to work. This shutdown is hurting more people than the virus! Let us get back to work so we can support ourselves & families.
04/16/2020 01:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Tabitha Woodard	We NEED to get NC back to work! This state and individuals that have small businesses NEED to make a living! This is going to ruin us if we don't get back to working! All the lies have to stop! This was NOT about flattening the curve. This has been all about those in control pushing their agendas. This insanity has got to stop!
04/16/2020 01:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	OPEN NC! You don't KNOW! Karen Willette	I've worked over 20 years on my career, wedding planning, catering, floral and venues, bringing in over 1mil/year for the past ten, supporting HUNDREDS of other venues and vendors across the state. I've now been closed for 6 weeks without income, lost all employees, other contractors have lost everything, DJ's, photographers, musicians, servers, bartenders, decorators, bakers... I've waited for 3 weeks on responses for my bank & PPP applications to no avail. My husband just got laid off as well after 18 years as an engineer.... We are healthy and our industries are falling apart! You don't know the extent! People are embarrassed to share how bad it is on social media. People are crumbling and going broke, not paying bills and ignoring creditors calling! How can we pay business bills like insurance, monthly drafts, committed advertisements, residual expenses and payroll that HAS to be paid during this? And the money we would bring IN during this time??? A loan can't help enough....Much less pay personal bills like a mortgage! HELP US ALL GET BACK TO WORK ASAP!!!!
04/16/2020 01:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Kira Gurganus	Stay at home orders are working to flatten the curve. However, we need to make sure the appropriate resources are available to those who are in domestic violence situations, those who are out of work due to the Stay at Home orders, and small businesses who have had to shut their doors. The safety of the public is of the utmost importance and I appreciate the work you all are doing, despite facing pressure. But we must remember the vulnerable groups in this situation. I'd like to see a plan for keeping the above mentioned groups safe/afloat until this is over.
04/16/2020 01:50 PM	Education Working Group	Angela Humphries	<p>Thank you for serving NCians!</p> <p>Education Savings Accounts/ESAs should be expanded so families can accommodate children who are thriving and learning well from one on one attention in the comfort of their homes. An amount as small as \$500 could make a huge difference for new homeschoolers in NC. The freedom to homeschool should be encouraged and incentives provided temporarily during covid-19.</p> <p>K-12 Scholarships should be expanded and application period opened prior to August 2020 and marketed as this is a more affordable way for the state to spend tax dollars on educating.</p> <p>Lift regulations limiting who may access these education tools.</p> <p>Encourage government schools to cut spending. Please do not suggest a state bond if government school LEAs apply pressure for capital funding. Buildings should be an afterthought and virtual, micro or homeschooling should be encouraged to flourish.</p> <p>Stay healthy .</p>

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			North Carolina School Choice Angela Humphries
04/16/2020 01:50 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Joshua Guy	Time to start moving in direction to open business back up and get schools open! The healthcare system is not overwhelmed. Reopen Norrh Carolina!!!!
04/16/2020 01:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Mark Adam	As Communist China's Covid-19 virus has not been as drastic as portrayed, and as out economy is heading further into the toilet, and, as the Governors orders abrogate our state and federal constitutions and Bill of Rights, Reopen NC for business NOW!
04/16/2020 01:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angela Ackerman	Please open up North Carolina! We can keep our at risk people, older, underlying health issue, poor immune system ect people safe, they can simply stay home! While the others myself included can pick up supplies and help them while they stay home awhile longer! Most of us are ready and able to go back to work! We flattened the curve, we did as you asked, and I'm not here to argue if it was necessary or not I'm only stating we did as you asked, and now we are done! We want to work and try our best to save our businesses! Leave it up to us "we the people" to decided if we are willing to risk catching this virus or loosing our business and everything we've worked hard for, the choice is ours!!
04/16/2020 01:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gregg Kubis	A quick note to add my support for the start of opening the state back up, I certainly understand that it cannot be opened full throttle tight away, but a plan needs to be in place to start opening businesses soon. Those that are higher risk need to do what's right for themselves, and everyone needs to continue to practice some level of social distancing, this can all be accomplished with most businesses slowed to operate at some capacity.
04/16/2020 01:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Hayley Huth	Please protect and defend our Constitutional Rights! Also, please consider the total destruction this shut down is having on our economy. My company has done widespread layoffs. If you weren't laid off, you had to take a pay cut. Who ever would have thought I would be 'thankful' for a 30% paycut (because the alternative was a 100% paycut)? Please stop this madness. Please open North Carolina's economy, without restrictions, and let us get back to work so that we can provide for our families.
			Respectfully, Hayley Huth
04/16/2020 01:51 PM	Education Working Group	Peter billings	re-open the economy. You are delaying the development of herd immunity. AND the shutdown is unconstitutional.
04/16/2020 01:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor Ron Wallace	Please isolate the sick elderly and you but put the healthy back to work and let herd immunity take place as we have with every other novel virus. You attempt cure is worse than the disease. Isolation has never destroyed a disease only slowed it progression
04/16/2020 01:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Rebecca Bernhardt	Please reopen NC businesses, use precaution and come up with strategies to protect the most vulnerable . If someone feels the need to stay home then by all means they should be allowed but if someone wants to go to work, please let them work. If we do not reopen NC businesses immediately the economy will suffer beyond belief!
04/16/2020 01:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Mr. David Keith	Please open the state back to regular operations. We have suspended normalcy for a very minor percentage of the population. The amount of undue hardships is becoming overwhelming.

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04/16/2020 01:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Shannon Whitaker	Reopen NC
04/16/2020 01:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stop socialism. Reopen NC Laura Winchester	Please stop the insanity and reopen NC. This is starting to feel like a socialism experiment, and it is not good. Read yesterday that Dems want to pass bill to give each American \$2000 a month until covid is gone. This is ridiculous! Some people don't even work or make \$2000/mo now! We are just going towards govt paying everyone until we are bankrupt and then will be just like Venezuela. Please be a leader and reopen NC! Where was the shut down when H1N1 affected over 60 million? That's way more than 600,000. Time to be smart and let non high risk people get back to work!
04/16/2020 01:52 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Fay Hoggard	Reopen NC!!! We are better than a shutdown!
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Rachel Caveness	Please start reopening NC businesses. Our economy cannot afford to continue with the closures. Even opening with some restrictions is better than continuing to be closed. Thank you
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Kristen Berkheiser	I am a full time bartender and I have lost my livelihood. I am a single woman living on my own, and I fear losing my home. We have followed the order for the last five weeks... This cannot continue! The numbers are NOT bearing out these draconian restrictions... we MUST get our economy open and moving again!!! If this continues, we will not recover!! The longer this shutdown continues, the more businesses that will be forced to close permanently... and the less jobs people will have to return to. PLEASE put an end to this!
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cici Morgan	Re-open NC
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Destroying our Way of Lif Ashley Morello	Currently, my job is considered essential. However, many others aren't. I don't understand how keeping us shut down is going to prevent the spread of this disease. It's just preventing it in the short term and destroying what so many of us have worked hard to build. Whenever we do "open", the disease will spread again and we will be back to square one. What is the best way to reopen and keep people safe? How can we all work toward this goal? Reopen, but reopen smart!
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Holly Stewart	Reopen NC. People must be able to work to live.
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Education Working Group	Teacher Kimberly Bellamy	To whom it may concern: Concerning the return to school when it opens back up for in person Instruction , will the General Assembly take into consideration those students, teachers and other staff members who are in high risk category including asthma, respiratory problems, autoimmune diseases, age, pregnant women, etc. Will there be a plan in place to insure that health isn't compromised while attending school and working in school for all persons in the high risk group due to covid 19 including myself ? This was brought up today in the State Board of education meeting for N.C. however it wasn't on the agenda. No action was taken today. I'm not sure who this action item would fall under for review. Thanks for

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			your consideration to review this question.
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nurse Practitioner Sallie Harrell	Please reopen NC! The cure has become worse than the disease and our state does not need to keep the economy shut down. As a healthcare professional I understand the seriousness of the virus but even more so understand the deaths of despair that will far outweigh the virus deaths.
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay At Home Ordee Katie Palladino	Governor Cooper is doing a great job with his handling of the Covid response. His Stay At Hope Order has saved lives. I believe in science.
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christine	We need to reopen NC! There are many of us who are self employed and not receiving unemployment benefits! Please take the financial devastation into consideration when deciding when to reopen for business. I hear too many people saying it's better to be broke than dead. This has to be coming from people who have some form of income keeping the roof over their heads and food on their tables. Not all of us have the luxury of collecting unemployment and riding this out.
04/16/2020 01:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bucks ice cream Don Buckalew	Open business restrictions now, I am going to lose my business soon and many others I know will as well.
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re-open NC Erica S	We the people demand NC to be re-opened either ASAP or at the end of Gov. Cooper's order on 4/29. Small business cannot survive this. These are our lives and our livelihoods! We want to work and support our families, and your actions will affect how we vote in November.
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Rick	Please Re-Open North Carolina! We need to get back to work! Thank you!
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Crystal Rieke	We need to re open NC no later than May 1!! People need to get back to work, we need our small businesses to get back on their feet!! We need to get these people out of the depression they are slipping in to due to not working and can't pay bills. We are all aware of how this virus works and we are all ready and willing to get back to work, we need to desperately need to re open NC please!!
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Terrie Donovan	NC. NEEDS to reopen NOW!! How can anyone possible justify SHUTTING down businesses? The Doctors and Nurses are speaking, the White House and CDC has spoken AND the economic shut down is not warranted! These #'s to not add up to support such.
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Covid 19 Renee Del Grosso	Open North Carolina
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kathleen Cobe	Continuing the state shutdown into May is absurd and detrimental to the economic health of our whole state. There are approximately 430 current COVID-19 hospitalizations in THE WHOLE STATE of NC. Reopen NC May 1st! A friendly reminder: Your constituents are watching. We will not accept tyranny or our constitutional rights being violated - even when there is a pandemic. Also, please do your homework regarding past pandemics in

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			our country. Simply look up "Past Pandemics" on the cdc website. You will be surprised and enlightened.
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Cindy Green	It is time to open the state back to work. This quarantine is not warranted. Small businesses, citizens of our state, and the national economy as a whole need us to reopen our state. People are watching and we will be voting on how you handle this situation.
04/16/2020 01:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelly Arthur	<p>Dear House Committee, I hate to even have to even select a category. COVID effects every area of daily life. The precautions that were put in place were to flatten the curve to protect our hospitals. As a high risk individual, with high risk family members, I can appreciate this...</p> <p>BUT...the curve was flatten....our hospitals were NOT over run....MISSION ACCOMPLISHED and Kudos all the way around...</p> <p>NOW it is time for the next step...</p> <p>Our legislature needs to take steps to get our state up and running. Governor Cooper did a good job, initially, but he is now stepping out of the scope of his authority and this needs to stop. Reasoning needs to take place of fear mongering. Let there be transparency in the numbers, let's celebrate the success and MOVE ON!</p> <p>Don't sit here and do nothing OR....this could ACTUALLY become the disaster some in the government and the media are making it to be.</p> <p>Ease small business restriction. Let's use common sense. SUPPORT our constitutional rights. Get people back to work. Get our kids back to school. Let our citizens observe their faiths in their places of worship. Lift hours of travel. Let's get back to what normal should look like.</p> <p>Thank you for doing the right thing. Kelly Arthur</p>
04/16/2020 01:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Betty Jones	Reopen NC!!!
04/16/2020 01:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Ryan Mcgee	We need to get North Carolina open immediately
04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-open NC Jeff Graves	Please re-open NC when the current order expires on April 30th. We can all responsibly follow guidelines to help prevent the spread without furthering the damage caused by shutting down the economy.
04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Ms. Catherine ODell	It is time to start the economy moving. People who are immuno-compromised can self quarantine, but it is time for businesses to reopen and for us to get back to normal. We are a free society and it is high time to give back our freedom and quit this abuse of executive orders and obstruction of our rights as free citizens.

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04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Brian White	Please lay out a plan to begin reopening businesses and allowing low risk individuals to get back to work by the end of April. This is not a "business as usual" request. Please allow us as US and NC citizens to practice our own appropriate levels of caution. The current stay at home orders are simply funneling higher volumes of people into their community grocery stores, while simultaneously destroying local businesses. Allowing businesses to reopen while practicing sanitization will not only save the businesses but allow for less concentration of individuals in the few essential businesses that remain open now. The threat of "overwhelming" our NC health care system is not based in any statistics that exist.
04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Adam Forcade	It is time to end the economic nightmare of closed NC businesses! The regulation in place is far too arbitrary and only benefits big chains while gutting small NC owned business. The families you swore to represent are being decimated by this poorly thought out closure. End it now!
04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Gilbert	We need to reopen NC! You will lose my vote in the next election if we remain closed. It's getting ridiculous and you are abusing your authority and ruining lives.
04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Erica Loring	It is important that we continue with the current stay at home order and a possible extension of the order. While i understand the suffering of small business and affected workers we will recover from this temporary action. Our lives are more important. Every life is important. There is no "acceptable" number of lost lives. Stay the course and we will recover economically as well as with more lives saved.
04/16/2020 01:56 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Catheryn Dymond	Leaders, We need to find a compromise that will allow us to #reopenNC, and provide safety for those affected with the virus and those concerned about themselves and their families. We need to STOP Social Distancing, and START Distance Socializing. Let's educate the public on how to take vitamins and supplements to boost immune systems, continue education on hand washing, facial coverings, and 6 ft radius, all while getting our businesses reopened. We will all get this virus eventually. It is pretty much guaranteed it will not go away. But we cannot function as a society in permanent lock down for another month. We must find a way to Distant Socialize and be respectful for all concerned, not just the 2% who are sick.
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Stacy VanderMeeden	<p>The current data for COVID is being suppressed and mishandled, making accuracy in ascertaining infection-numbers limited. Additionally, many doctors and epidemiologists are saying that we have handled this incorrectly and that organic herd immunity should have been used, allowing the virus to take its course and build immunity in the general population. Organic herd immunity allows for safely quarantining persons who are high-risk, while allowing low-risk persons to resume normal daily life and get the economy going again.</p> <p>Organic herd immunity has two benefits: it is necessary for building resistance to this virus and it also allows the economy to open up again.</p> <p>We are to return to normal, with all businesses open, by MAY 1st.</p>

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04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Kelly Ayscue	Thank you. Do not remove COVID 19 precautions until it is safe to do so. We will recover financially but we can't bring back the dead. Gov Cooper us doing a fantastic job of leading us.
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Owner Jacqueline Mariitte	PLEASE reopen NC. We worked very hard together a group of talented craftsman and are on the verge of having to lay them all off. We need help now!!!! Small businesses matter!!! JOBS matter!
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#REOPENNC Sarah Navey	<p>Dear Gov Cooper &amp; North Carolina Legislators,</p> <p>I am a resident of North Carolina and I stand for The Constitution. I am requesting that the current North Carolina Covid-19 order be completely and absolutely withdrawn immediately and that our state be COMPLETELY reopened for all businesses immediately so that our freedom, as outlined and declared in the Constitution of the United States of America, is restored.. We are American workers who have the right to decide what is "essential". We have the right to work for our wages. We have the right to liberty and freedom, even if it requires risk.</p> <p>The NC Covid-19 order violates our XIV Amendment rights. The State is depriving us of "life, liberty, or property." These orders are a government overreach and a socialist agenda that prohibits the North Carolina people our right to live the lives we worked so hard for.</p> <p>We are losing our small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy. We want to go back to work. Besides that, domestic assault is on the rise. Depression and suicides will rise. Violence and crime will rise. Criminals are being let out of the jails and yet FREE PEOPLE are going to be arrested for PEACEFUL PROTESTS. This is a shameful act of tyranny. The shutdown is not warranted, nor sustainable for our area. Covid-19 may be a risk, but numbers have been inflated, news has been twisted, and fear has been amplified.</p> <p>Without being able to work for ourselves, the State of North Carolina is directly depriving us of our homes, relationships, and businesses which we have worked for with our own two hands, our own minds, and our own hearts.</p> <p>We, the people, know we can stay safe without sacrificing our entire state economy. We can wear masks and gloves and continue to stand 6 feet from people. Let us follow sanitation guidelines instead of putting us out of work and crashing our economy. Let us not become the next Venezuela.</p> <p>I stand with the countless others that demand that you cease your direct violation of the Constitution of the United States of America.</p>
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Bev Holm	Please, we ask you to reopen NC. As well intended for good reasons, the decision was made without our input. I ask you now to consider our families, our finances and our

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04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Jared Criddle	futures. We need to re-open all businesses within North Carolina no later than 4/29. The draconian measures put in place Roy Cooper have destroyed lives and have inevitably will lead to far more mortality and morbidity (suicide, substance abuse, domestic violence , and delay in necessary medical care). Re-open the state and allow N.C. to once again be first in freedom
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	AMERICAN CITIZEN JOE VANSCHPEN	Re open NC!!!! We need to work!! OPEN our businesses up, let those who are sick or elderly stay home. GIVE US A CHOICE!!!! STOP VIOLATING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!!!! OPEN UP NORTH CAROLINA!!!!
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Robyn Pecora	Please open Wake County!! We can't survive the economic backlash of being closed any longer!
04/16/2020 01:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Laura Montemurro	We will not survive if our state continues to be shut down. We need to reopen businesses and get our economy going. Individuals need to be personally accountable for their own well being and health. You are now doing more damage to people's health-physical, mental and financial by continuing with this governmental overreach.
04/16/2020 01:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mitchel Ross	We need to reopen this state. Keeping the economy shut down any longer will result in more deaths from depression & starvation.
04/16/2020 01:58 PM	Health Care Working Group	Jill Czysz	NC MUST be reopened!!! The numbers do not justify the economic hardships and blatant disregard for the United States Constitution and our Civil Liberties. In a state of over 10 million people and a death rate of 131 people of which MANY had underlying health issues this has been overblown to astronomical proportions at the detriment of YOUR citizens!!!
04/16/2020 01:58 PM	Health Care Working Group		Please open the economy. There are almost no patients in the hospital. So much of an increase in mental health and domestic violence. I feel that my rights as a US citizen are not being recognized.
04/16/2020 01:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Sherman Dye	We are going to lose our small businesses. We are sitting here with a 30% hospital population. We will not have a vaccine for 18 months, if it even is effective. Sweden has remained open for business and is not having the bad experience that many were predicting. NYC has subways, elevators, taxis and multiple family units in dense housing. Little of that exists in NC. Suicides are already increasing. Tennessee has more suicides than virus deaths. The longer we sit here and do not let the virus pass through our population at a quicker rate, the longer we will deal with it. Let's protect the at risk folks but get the rest of us back to work immediately.
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Krauss	Time is now to open our businesses! I'm watching our small town die. The only thriving business is Walmart. I'm thankful for Walmart, but it's unfair to the rest of the community to have them be closed. Open NC for business!
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Talmage Hall	Dear Sirs,  How long does this have to drag out? Our state economy is collapsing before our eyes. People have lost their jobs. People are losing their jobs. Businesses are disappearing that will never rebound from this. Fear pedaling, hyper-inflated numbers and political agendas have shut down our wonderful state. Look at the current COVID-19 (5024 confirmed/108 dead as I write this) numbers. Was it worth shutting down the state for that?

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			<p>I also keep hearing that medical facilities are cutting back hours as they are overwhelmed by the sick that this virus has produced. If that's true I ask again, was it worth shutting down the state? The reality is that you can't keep everyone from getting this virus.</p> <p>Please let us go back to work, let us open for business and let us get back to our lives and livelihoods on May 1st. Let the virus run it's course. Most of us have common sense and will take care to not put ourselves at risk unless absolutely necessary.</p> <p>Lastly, the 1st Amendment allows for freedom of speech and peaceful assembly. The Governor, Raleigh Police Department, Capital Police and anyone else involved in the debacle with the protesters this past Tuesday should be called into question as to what exactly is their agenda.</p> <p>Again, let us all go back to work on May 1st.</p> <p>Respectfully Yours,</p> <p>Talmage Hall</p>
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Keep N.C. Closed Jeremy Franc	Keep N.C. closed! Keep up the good work Gov.!!
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Carmon Campbell	<p>Please open the economy back up. You can do it safely by isolating those at risk rather than everyone else. It is imperative you do this as quickly as possible to save the financial and mental health of millions of people. The models have been so far off that they are useless. If you look just at the numbers unemotionally, logically, reasonably - they tell us that this is not nearly as bad as has been portrayed and we can safely reopen the economy. LOOK AT THE REAL NUMBERS!!!! 105 deaths/ 10,500,000 NC population is .00001 mortality rate. LOOK AT THAT AGAIN ~ .00001 mortality rate for the state That is an extremely small percentage to be closing the entire state. We have flattened the curve. The healthcare system is not overwhelmed but rather having to let people go due to no patients. There is no rational or logical reason for our state to be closed at all. There is no justification for this.</p>
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopenNC Eugenia Myers	Please allow small businesses and restaurants to reopen under cautionary guidelines so we can get NC back to work. We have not over flowed our healthcare locations and the are sending workers home. With some provisions and common sense precaution we can reopen almost everything by May 1st-May15th. Thank you for considering this request.
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ashley Turner	I am concerned about the economic state of NC if Governor Cooper's executive order is extended past April 30th. Please DO NOT extend the order! NC needs to open on May 1st. Thank you.
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Health Care Working Group	Bill Mayo	Stay-at-home orders and other restrictions to individual freedoms should be immediately lifted. All businesses should be allowed to reopen. The General Assembly must take

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04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Richard Downey	The Governor needs to end his unconstitutional executive order. He is attempt to destroy one of the best economies in the southeast. In so doing his I ruining the economic lives of the middle class. Hospitals are not overrun and are lying off staff. There is no vaccine and there probably won't be one any time soon. The vulnerable can stay home if they like but the rest of us need to get back to work!
04/16/2020 01:59 PM	Health Care Working Group	Kelly Parsons	It's time to REOPEN NC! Many of us are not sick or in a protected health group. Those who are afraid or at risk should stay at home. We cannot stay at home forever! The models have been wrong and the data does not support shutting down the state for more than April. Let's roll!
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tonya Garrison	Please reopen NC on May 1st so that small business can survive. People will lose their business, homes and not be able to provide for their families if the shutdown continues. People who may be compromised can stay home, but healthy people should be able to work.
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Williams	OPEN UP THE STATE. OUR FREEDOMS. OUR CHOICE.
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay At Home! Jeremy	Keep N.C. Closed until the threat us gone. Keep us closed!
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	John Styron	N.C. should be open. Many businesses are suffering due to this shutdown.
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kelly Arthur	House Select Committee, I have a question.
			My understanding...the purpose of the stimulus check was to help bolster our local small businesses/ economy.... How does this check help anyone but the large box stores that have been allowed to remain open? How does this stimulus money help our local small businesses when they are not deemed "essential" and their doors have closed?
			THIS is where I want to spend my money. PLEASE....pass a law to open up our small businesses!
			Yours truly, Kelly Arthur
04/16/2020 02:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Shutdown Pamela Graham	Please reopen North Carolina
04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Keep N.C. Closed Maya	Keep us closed! Thank you Gov Cooper for making the tough decisions to stay closed!

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04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Megan Wissler	Please keep N.C. closed. By returning to business too soon, we are putting all citizens at risk!
04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicholas	We as citizens of North Carolina need North Carolina reopened on or by the date you have given the 30 days to expire. We need to open North Carolina soon. No more this is the new normal for us; it needs to stop and we need to get back to work at the end of the 30 days. What will you do for those of us who exercise our 1st amendment and protest this shutdown to protect our rights given to us by the constitution to peacefully assemble and protest
04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Nancy Cooper	Open N.C. Our lives are being destroyed by the shut down NOT the virus.  We are adults who accept that there is risk in everything we do. Let us go to work.
04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Esther Ward	Please reopen NC before our economy is completely destroyed. Do you not care that so many of the people of NC are suffering? This shut down is causing more harm than good. There is an increase in domestic violence, anxiety, depression, and suicide. The future generation of NC, our children, are struggling and suffering being out of school for so long. Our CONSTITUTIONAL rights are being trampled upon and ignored. Americans are being treated as if our rights don't matter. The infection and death rates do not warrant the continuation of this state being shut-down any longer than is already planned. It seems to me that the goal and main purpose of the restrictions have been reached, to continue, in my opinion, is tyranny and overreaching of government power. Thank you
04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Economic Support Working Group	mr dale byerly	please open the state up thank about it we have no cure for cancer as such no vacine for cancer some will die some will live leave it in Gods hands
04/16/2020 02:01 PM	Education Working Group	Kim Price	The detriments caused by COVID-19 to the health and health systems are now far outweighed by the negative effects on the economy and mental health of the state and most importantly, the educational and well-being of our kids. Re-open NC, re-open our schools and let us being to reverse these effects. Temper the opening with sound judgment and rules, but let us get back to life.
04/16/2020 02:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Keep N.C. Closed Jennifer Wilson	Keep us closed Gov. Cooper! Do not let them scare you. We want to stay safe indoors!
04/16/2020 02:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dean Bartlett	The restrictions enacted Gov. Cooper's executive orders have left the economy of North Carolina in shambles if they are not lifted soon the damage will be irreparable.
04/16/2020 02:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Just commented with this: Dear Sirs,  How long does this have to drag out? Our state economy is collapsing before our eyes. People have lost their jobs. People are losing their jobs. Businesses are disappearing that will never rebound from this. Fear pedaling, hyper-inflated numbers and political agendas have shut down our wonderful state. Look at the current COVID-19 (5024 confirmed/108 dead as I write this) numbers. Was it worth shutting down the state for that?  I also keep hearing that medical facilities are cutting back hours as they are underwhelmed by the sick that this virus has produced. If that's true I ask again, was it

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			<p>worth shutting down the state? The reality is that you can't keep everyone from getting this virus.</p> <p>Please let us go back to work, let us open for business and let us get back to our lives and livelihoods on May 1st. Let the virus run it's course. Most of us have common sense and will take care to not put ourselves at risk unless absolutely necessary.</p> <p>Lastly, the 1st Amendment allows for freedom of speech and peaceful assembly. The Governor, Raleigh Police Department, Capital Police and anyone else involved in the debacle with the protesters this past Tuesday should be called into question as to what exactly is their agenda.</p>
04/16/2020 02:02 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jill Czysz	NC MUST be reopened!!! The numbers predicted and faced with today DO NOT justify the blatant disregard for the United States Constitution and our Civil Liberties. We live in a state of over 10 Million people and as of today 131 deaths of which MANY had underlying health issues....quarantine the sick and let the rest of us live. Prolonging these restrictions is illegal and at the detriment of YOUR CITIZENS
04/16/2020 02:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Annette Fain	We are dying here with this shut down, Please let us get back to our way of life, The shut down is killing more Businesses then this virus is killing people. Let our businesses open back up before it is to late, If people want to stay home let them make the decision this should not be a government choice Save our economy.
04/16/2020 02:02 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re Open NC Katelyn Rufty	So many of our people in the state are hurting right now and it isn't from the virus. We need to get our people back to work while taking precautions. We need to reconnect with our family and friends to help our mental health, our kids need those connections to thrive. We feel like prisoners in our own homes. And we hope we can start getting back by the beginning of May. Please!
04/16/2020 02:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Hwa sun Burkett	<p>131 deaths, 424 hospitalized in a state with 10 million people. The numbers do not justify your actions.</p> <p>We want you to open the state back up before there is nothing to open up. I would like the medical records of the deaths audited also.</p>
04/16/2020 02:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Linden Mathews-Boone	<p>NC should Amend voting rules to give the NC Board of Elections flexibility to respond to emergencies such as: pandemics, natural disasters, armed conflict, etc.</p> <p>The state should make absentee voting easier by making ballots easier to obtain, and open to everyone eligible to vote. An on-line portal should be available to apply for an absentee ballot. Two witnesses during social distancing is unsafe and unrealistic especially for single, older people.</p> <p>The state should make voter registration available on line and assume the costs for mailing in an absentee ballot.</p>
04/16/2020 02:03 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Czysz	NC MUST be reopened!!! The numbers predicted and faced with today DO NOT justify the blatant disregard for the United States Constitution and our Civil Liberties. We live in a state of over 10 Million people and as of today 131 deaths of which MANY had underlying health issues....quarantine the sick and let the rest of us live. Prolonging these restrictions is illegal and at the detriment of YOUR CITIZENS
04/16/2020 02:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Keep N.C. Closed Tasha Beals	Keep us closed! Me and my mom group will NOT shop at any business lobbying to open up N.C. ever again! Our safety is more important than their business!

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04/16/2020 02:03 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr Edwin Jones	Please extend the further health restrictions and social distancing past April 30th. We need to get enough testing at a scientific level to know who is infected, trace their contacts and safely quarantine with treatment those affected. Also, moving ahead should require a full understanding of medical treatment facilities and protective equipment for patients and health care workers needed and ready. To move too soon without full knowledge and preparation will lead to more lives loss and actually greater economic decline.
04/16/2020 02:03 PM	Education Working Group	Jill Czysz	NC MUST be reopened!!! The numbers predicted and faced with today DO NOT justify the blatant disregard for the United States Constitution and our Civil Liberties. We live in a state of over 10 Million people and as of today 131 deaths of which MANY had underlying health issues....quarantine the sick and let the rest of us live. Prolonging these restrictions is illegal and at the detriment of YOUR CITIZENS
04/16/2020 02:03 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Tammy Russ	NC needs to open the state - people need to be able to go back to work!! The systems we have in place to support those out of work are at capacity - let people go to work - let those that are sick or compromised make personal choices about staying home.
04/16/2020 02:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Close N.C. Stephanie Landers	Gov Cooper, please keep us closed! Do not open and let more people get sick.
04/16/2020 02:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Brenda King	This is in reference to the continued quarantine in NC. These orders needs to be removed. There is not enough threat to warrant all of NC being shut down for this period of time. Small business owners are struggling, and many will not be able to return to their business. The economy has taken a plummet. My husband and I are both small business owners, and have not had one penny of income in the past five weeks. And who knows if we will ever see a stimulus check. Due to the fact that we don't receive an income tax return, there is no bank information on file for us to receive a direct deposit. When I log onto the website, I am not given the option to enter bank info. It just states they can't determine eligibility at this time. So the ones who pay in lump sums of income tax seem to be the last to get a stimulus check. What are small businesses supposed to do ? Just sit at home without any income, and pay our bills, how ??? This system is so messed up. All we are asking is to allow the businesses to open back up, so they can provide for their families, and the economy will not take a further nose dive.
04/16/2020 02:04 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Phoebe Gilbert	Open all businesses
04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Economic Support	Close! Close! Close!	Do not open N.C. too soon! The majority is with you Cooper!

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04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Working Group Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jacob Please keep NC closed Elizabeth Evans	Please continue the stay at home order past April 29. Please continue to listen to scientists and medical professionals who are saying we are not over this yet.
04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Meadows	OPEN THE STATE!!!!!! Gov. Cooper needs to have a better advisory group that actually understands small business and the effects on the economy. Our economy is heavily based on consumerism and if consumers are not spending, then the economy will collapse. The only benefit of Cooper not opening the economy by May 1st is that it will guarantee he is a one term governor.
04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Charles Wright	<p>Today, Wake County lost its first victim to COVID 19 - an 81 year old man who had other conditions. Since the stay at home order, going by normal statistics, 1000 Wake County residents have died of other causes. Tens of thousands of jobs are gone, and hundreds of businesses are gone. The hundreds of thousands of people affected by those problems will see a spike in suicide, heart disease, depression and anxiety in the coming years as we somehow have pretended that our economy, and our lives, are separate disconnected beings. This is madness. It's reckless to think this can go on.</p> <p>It is like watching a dark sitcom, as the press conferences of the fully paid and fully pensioned get up every day and talk about jobs and businesses and activities (that produce jobs and businesses) are somehow non essential. I wonder how long this shut down would last if everybody espousing it, AND THEIR STAFFS, would go without pay as long as it lasted? I bet it would end damned quickly then, don't ya think?</p> <p>Walmart workers, COSTCO workers, Target workers, Harris Teeter workers, construction workers, tradesmen, etc, ARE NOT DYING by the thousands. Neither are their customers. This should tell us something. Oh, and the liquor store workers, busier than ever, seem to be hanging in there too. Meanwhile we have cops chasing down lone surfers and beach walkers and families in parks. It's sheer madness. The cure is now far worse than the disease.</p> <p>As we know, a large percentage of people who have this virus are asymptomatic or have only mild symptoms. Have you ever asked yourself if being unemployed has mild symptoms? Is anyone who's business goes bankrupt asymptomatic about that? How about being on the verge of retirement, and this mind numbing shutdown has just tanked 35% of your portfolio? Is that mild? We are destroying lives to supposedly save it, based on models that have not proven right or even close to right, even with 'mitigation' figured in. Meanwhile, the lower than expected death count itself is bolstered by padding the stats (as Birx admitted) - and bribing hospitals by giving them 3X the medicare payment for Covid deaths as any other.</p> <p>This has GOT TO STOP.</p>
04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Melissa Rios	We need to reopen small business. Staying closed is not helping anyone. It is destroying NC. Quarantine the people at risk Not the healthy. The funds spent on people and

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04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Do not open Willow S.	Stay closed until we are all safe! Do not risk our lives!
04/16/2020 02:05 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen North Carolina Sarah Stalnaker	We need North Carolina back open! Our small businesses and all of our people depend on it! A way needs to be found that protects our freedoms while getting our businesses back to being open. Its not healthy for people to sit idle for too long. We need our economy back Open as soon as possible! Our country was built by the people and for the people and our elected officials need to remember that. We need our country back up and running!
04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary McPherson	We must find a way to allow small businesses to open. Destroying the economy is just as deadly as the coronavirus, if not more. The governor is overreaching and causing additional danger by breaking public trust. Soon you will have widespread rebellion, and you will not be able to lock everyone up. We deserve a clear, nuanced approach. No more government bailouts - get out of the way and allow people to use their own judgement in conducting business.
04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen! Gail Jones	It is now past time to reopen our state. The rally cry to gain compliance to the shut-downs was "Flatten the curve so healthcare resources won't be overwhelmed!" Well, not only are we astronomically below capacity with regard to overwhelming healthcare, but there is mounting evidence that the models used for forecasting health outcomes were greatly flawed. There is no evidence to support continuing to shut down and more and more evidence proving the proper course of action is reopening and gaining natural immunity (which studies are finding people have been gaining months before the shut downs began...). The trickle-down of economic impacts to the economy- small business in particular- are becoming more and more apparent. The lack of promised help actually being provided to self-employed in NC should be embarrassing for you. It is your duty to uphold the constitution and it is imperative that business be legally allowed to resume before the effects of this overreach of power are catastrophic... moving far beyond economics.
04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	David Radford	Being the owner of an HVAC small business I have been able to stay open and service the public with certain rules of operation( mask, health questions asked, taking temp of all employees, cleaning and common sense thinking. And then this to think of: USA Small business stimulus package money = \$350,000,000,000 divided by 30,200,000 small businesses = \$11,894 each...should I laugh or cry...I'll hold my head up and keep on going with a chuckle.....Wake up out there...Time to open up with precautions and common sense
04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Tommy McAlister III	I am currently working as a Regional manager of a Landscaping company based in 3 of the largest markets in North Carolina. We have been diligently working and following the over whelming adjustments to the work flow. We are proud to be working. However, in the current situation the flow of work is slowing and slowing drastically. People are getting scared that we are around the uncertainty of being laid off from their job. the housing

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			<p>market is unstable with the finance and banking having to go through the loops on purchasing. This is a time where we need each others support and we need to focus on helping each other. The current position does not have people in a condition to keep the economy going it has a fear that is over whelming people. The fear is not of the virus or the chance of getting it. We have all made the necessary adjustments to adjust to those systems. the fear is dedicated to the uncertainty of how to provide for my family and make sure that we can make it through with a dwindling uncertainty of the future. I on behalf of the NC residence would like to request that we end the shut in and reopen the economy so that we can give the citizens something to look forward to by being able to support and provide for their families. It would give me a since of "light at the end of the tunnel" to see people going back to work and able to enjoy living rather than the fear of a failing world around them. Thank you for allowing our input and hope that you will read and observe what is best for the state and the people residing here.</p>
04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Do not open! Jason Newsom	The majority wants to shelter in place where it's safe! Do not open!
04/16/2020 02:06 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr Joseph Fonke	<p>It is time to open back up. Many people will lose everything if this persists and that will be worse than what Covid 19 will do. This lockdown is going against everything that is American. Hospitals are slow, furlowing and laying off staff. They are ready for whatever, which will be less than any projection you have seen. And the longer this goes, the longer the protests and rioting will occur which will be far worse than what Covid 19 is going to do.</p>
04/16/2020 02:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Teresa Phillips	<p>People need to get back to work! The government cannot keep people in their homes. Keep sick folks in quarantine, but allow well folks to work and go about their lives responsibly.</p>
04/16/2020 02:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Barbara Wood	<p>Reopen North Carolina. Many small businesses can operate just fine maintaining a safe distance and other precautions. We do not want our friends and families to lose their lively hood and be forced into bankruptcy.</p>
04/16/2020 02:07 PM	Education Working Group	Ann Ann Cox	<p>Hairstylist can't take a hit like this and get no unemployment.. Or nothing.. One more month it will be a big blow.. And if Mr Roy Cooper want my vote open us hairstylist up.. May 1st..</p>
04/16/2020 02:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dawn Nelson	<p>Please, PLEASE consider opening North Carolina up on May 1, 2020 for business operations. I have a small family owned business that provides refrigeration and HVAC services to restaurants and retail stores. Obviously we have no work because of the shut down and I have 19 employees looking to get paid and keep their jobs. If we have to wait until June, my family will be out of business and our employees without jobs...we've served the Raleigh area since 1991. It would heartbreaking to go down like this. I feel a re-open could be done safely and effectively. Those with immune disorders should (as always) limit their exposure. Those of us that are healthy are well aware of our risks and should be allowed to make our own safety decisions when going out. 30 more days and business owners, businesses, families, won't make it. To me, that's worse than the virus itself. Let us get back to work!</p>
04/16/2020 02:07 PM	Continuity of State	Angela Averette	It is time to reopen our state. You can't shutter the people's businesses and deny them the

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		ability to feed their families. We flattened the curve. Now, it is time to let citizens care for their families.
04/16/2020 02:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay Closed Beth Annen	Stay closed! We want our families to stay safe!
04/16/2020 02:07 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dena Cave	Re-open NC!
04/16/2020 02:07 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Sheri McDermott	We need to move forward- I do not want Bill Gates vaccine or his microchip
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04/16/2020 02:08 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr Louis Kerr	It is time to reopen the North Carolina economy. The economy of This state and the country as a whole are at much greater risk than the citizens of the state of North Carolina and the United States. #reopennc
04/16/2020 02:08 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Deanna Carlson	ReOpenNC. We need to get back to work. As you can see depending on the government doesn't work.
04/16/2020 02:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Kimberly Tesh	Please reopen small businesses!!!! Let these people work!
04/16/2020 02:08 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Susan Walters	We need to open up North Carolina. People and small businesses cannot afford to stay shut down. It is not that bad in N.C. if you are sick you should stay home just like you would if you had the flu.
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Ashley Anthony	Please open up NC... even hospitals are laying off and cutting hours. With common sense measures in place, we can all get back to work.
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Kellie Dullaghan	Please reopen N.C. ASAP, Americans livelihoods are at risk. Small business owners are suffering.
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Continuity of State	Wendy Curtis	We should be allowed to make our own choices regarding our exposure to this virus.

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Government interference in our businesses needs to stop immediately. Efforts need to be shifted immediately toward ways to stay safe while going back to our "normal" lives and away from keeping everyone locked in their homes.
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Robert Farmer	Open our economy!!!
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Marietta Whitehurst	More and better people than I have put together the words that need to be said. Please rescind the stay-at-home order and Reopen North Carolina businesses by May 1, 2020. This order is causing more harm than good.
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Stay Home!!! Jasper J	We wanna stay closed! Keep it shut Cooper!
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Health Care Working Group	Jean Cary	Please do not lift the stay at home order until health experts recommend doing so. The economy will not work if thousands are dying. Health is more important!
04/16/2020 02:09 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jill Poythress	I am asking as a small business owner of 2 businesses. One is closed and my restaurant is working at 50% reduction in sales. Please open us up for business soon!!!
04/16/2020 02:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Don't listen to crazies Sal N	The crazies want to open because they are greedy and only care about money! Care about our health and keep us safe and in the house!
04/16/2020 02:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Jennifer Livingston	Let us get back to work and support our families!
04/16/2020 02:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	#reopennc Wendy white	We need to reopen NC!!!
04/16/2020 02:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Doctor Jennifer Perry	Protect public health; do not prematurely lift stay at home orders.
04/16/2020 02:10 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alison Katschkowsky	Why can't small businesses see their customers/clients and maintain responsible social distancing? Some of us can't do 'curbside' or take out service. The data provided so far don't support a total shut down of the state's economy. Small businesses need to be able to make these decisions on their own--not have them mandated.
04/16/2020 02:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Jesse Boyd	Open up North Carolina NOW! Sick of this tyrannical crap.
04/16/2020 02:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Closed for safety! Elizabeth Ashford	Keep my grandchildren safe! Keep us closed! Those people don't care about their family is they want to open!
04/16/2020 02:11 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency	Tracie Conner	Please reopen NC (with guidelines is fine) but you are destroying businesses and families by not moving in that direction!! Also you will see a dramatic overturn of elected officials if

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	Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		you do not start communicating data, facts and reasons for continuing this type of shut down. No one is disagreeing that the COVID virus should be taken seriously but it's exasperating the subjective decisions with what seems to be no hard factual data. Communication is key!! Appreciate all you do, I hope you really hear from small businesses that will go out of business and severely impact the economy of NC. I've even heard of people having enough and willing to move out of state due to the response of the current government. Texas and other states are re-opening. Please help small businesses!!
04/16/2020 02:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Common Sense Alex Pennden	Think about the safety of others. Please keep us closed!
04/16/2020 02:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jane Pownall	We must Reopen NC by May 1st bc what is being done to us is unconstitutional. The numbers of cases and deaths do not come anywhere close to any other diseases that move through our population on any given year and so, should not receive this kind of consideration where the rights of citizens are removed. To continue to keep NC closed is to show that COVID deaths are more important than those that will be from suicide, loneliness, and depression, as well as those of women and children who are subjected to domestic violence. If this tyranny continues after May 1, I will consider it a purely political ploy on your part with no consideration for the people of NC. Show us you have a patriotic backbone and reopen NC
04/16/2020 02:11 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caitlyn Caban	We need NC to reopen!! People who have health issues or do not feel well should stay home. Too many businesses are suffering with this it's time to reopen.
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	REOPEN NC Mariel Black	<p>We the People of North Carolina are fed up with the unconstitutional executive orders that are crippling our state's economy, bankrupting our small businesses, and robbing us of our jobs, financial security, livelihood, and personal liberties. These orders, along with the arrests of protestors in Charlotte, are in clear violation of our vital First Amendment rights to freedom of movement, assembly, religion, and peaceful protest.</p> <p>This shutdown is draconian, impractical, and unwarranted. The scientific models that have been used in predicting the outbreak in our state have been consistently incorrect and grossly inflated versus what is actually materializing. There are now more unemployed citizens in North Carolina alone than there are coronavirus cases in the whole of the United States. 43% of our small businesses will go bankrupt if we do not reopen soon. The intended 'cure' is now worse than the problem and North Carolinians are suffering. This must end.</p>
			I urge each and every one of you as our representatives and legislators to hear us and take action to restore North Carolinians to our jobs, businesses, and livelihoods by lifting the order when it is due to expire on April 29, 2020.
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Hines	OPEN THE STATE BACK UP!!! These small businesses will NEVER recover.
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Do not open too soon! Elaine Alfred	Stay safe and be smart! Keep us home!
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Christie Chadwick	Quarantine is for the sick not the healthy. Our hospitals in NC are not overwhelmed. We need to go back to work and get people's head back in the game. This closure is literally

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			killing people who DON'T have COVID19.
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Faith Schofield	Open NC back up now!
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Benny W	END THE SHUT DOWN!!!! It is unconstitutional and the state will be sued, every representative will be voted out of office. It is doing irreparable damage to the nation and you will be held accountable.
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Health Care Working Group	Patricia Trogdon	We need to open ! NC can not stay shut down any longer . I own a small salon in Asheboro NC and I have been denied all avenues of financial support ! I will have to close down if we are not allowed to go back . Why not allow a soft opening for small salons . The worker and one client only at a time no one waits in the waiting room , they stay in their car until called to come in . The worker and client wear a mask and gloves . Sanitize after each client , and so fourth . This option is actually more controlled and clean than going to a grocery store , Lowes hardware or any other essential business ! Cosmetologist are essential ! Please please let us open in a controlled & sanitized manner !!
04/16/2020 02:12 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen! Dave Anglin	Reopen the state, it's time. This state is not New York, monitor our large cities and get our economy going again.
04/16/2020 02:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Jill McKeand	Please please honor the constitution and open NC!!!! These restrictions went into place to SLOW the spread of this virus so that we didn't overwhelm our medical system. The purpose was to prevent too many people from getting sick at the same time!!! Most people WILL catch this virus as all experts have said!!! Our hospitals are NOT overwhelmed and we have flattened the curve!! It's time to get NC back to work before we loose more lives because of economic and mental health hardships!! Please do the right thing and remember WHY we are supposed to be the land of the FREE!
04/16/2020 02:13 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Greedy People stay home! Marcus S.	Those businesses want to open for their own money! Keep us closed and save lives!!
04/16/2020 02:13 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	ms ruth bomhan	we need to get the economy back up and running. Businesses expect to be paid unless state legislature plans on passing law that EVERY business, landlord, utility and local government extend credit without having interest, late fees or big balloon payments when this is over. let businesses re-open!! we need to work to survive; why are we being run into a socialistic direction?
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Christie Chadwick	Suicide, domestic violence, theft. These are all increasing because of the fear mongering about COVID19. We need to reopen NC!
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Lives over money Molly	Please Governor Cooper... values our lives over their money. Keep us home.
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re-Open NC Tracey Wildes	It is imperative to reopen the once great state of NC. This govenor, whom sadly some of my fellow NC residents decided to vote for, does not under any fashion have the authority to strip and attempt to take our civil rights away as guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights. If your looking for a example, look no further than the Raleigh PD's Facebook page. Businesses are dying, our state is going broke, and this Covid virus has nothing to

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			do with it. What does have to do with it, is our poor choice in leadership, Roy Cooper.
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Keep NC closed keely wojtylak	keep NC CLOSED until medical officials feel it's safe to open!
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Robin Briggs	Do NOT open the state too early. Until we have adequate testing for everyone, we should stay in place. It is a matter of life and death.
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please OPEN our economy!! Jeremy Skipper	Let the people of NC go back to work!
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Stay in! Tyrell	We cannot go back to the outside until it is safe! Do not open up NC!!!
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Sherri Morris	Please re-open N C and let the people decide for themselves how to proceed.
04/16/2020 02:14 PM	Education Working Group	Denise Hardgrove	Re-open NC
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jeff Ward	Please open back up NC. I am a severe asthmatic, have diabetes, high blood pressure plus over weight. Even with all those conditions I do not feel that NC needs to remained closed. We need stores open, little league and other sports need to resume. Restaurants need eat in patrons. Just open the state without further delay.
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Glynis Giles	I need to work, open nc or you should take no wages until we do!
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Susan Brock	Please reopen NC. The COVID - 19 virus numbers do not show the need of keeping the state and businesses closed any longer. With good hygiene and common sense, people can go back to work and build up the economy. People are going to remember the hardships that were forced upon them, and will put Roy Cooper's face on it.
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Susan Greene	The shut down is working and we need to stay the course. Reopening too early will repeat the Spanish flu second wave. It's hard, but more sick and dying people is worse.
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	9197721521 Hanna Lyons	Please - we need to be able to vote by mail.
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Christopher Lassiter	The state needs to re-open.. The math doesn't add up to keep us shut down. Businesses can open and operate with their own precautions and people can decide for themselves whether to patronize them or not. No one is forced to go out. Any people that feel unsafe can just stay at home. The social distancing is not working anyway as nursing homes are

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			already have large numbers of positive tests. So many that testing is no longer even being done.
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Iris Eggers	Please reopen NC!!!
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Health Care Working Group	Susan Greene	The shut down is working and we need to stay the course. Reopening too early will repeat the Spanish flu second wave. It's hard, but more sick and dying people is worse.
04/16/2020 02:15 PM	Economic Support Working Group	No! Esther Pearson	I have 12 grandbabies and 5 children and I want them to be safe. I can wait to see them until it is safe to do so. Please keep us closed and sheltering in place. Keep my family safe.
04/16/2020 02:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Susan Greene	The shut down is working and we need to stay the course. Reopening too early will repeat the Spanish flu second wave. It's hard, but more sick and dying people is worse.
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04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Christie Chadwick	The healthy and non-risk individuals need to keep the economy going. North Carolinian's do not want to live off government handouts. We believe in personal responsibility and life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This shut down is tyranny! There is no valid cause for the stay home order to continue. REOPEN NC
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Orwellian shutdown Kelly KuBrock	I run a small business. Sole proprietor. I have ZERO INCOME. And my life is shut down over a virus less deadly than the flu. The measures worked. There's no need to tighten the controls, for control and political reasons. The virus is dying down. People aren't so stupid they need to be regulated into not getting sick. Enough is ENOUGH. Reopen this state
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open us back up Christy Brown	This shut down is causing way more damage than good. Wake County has a population of 1.1M and only just over 500 cases. No deaths. I know more people who have been severely economically impacted than I do people who have gotten sick or even know someone who has gotten sick. If you continue this shut down then the state needs to be able to support the people it is screwing over. Please tell me where in Wake Co. will \$1200 cover rent/mortgage, food, power, and water in total? Sure people can apply for unemployment but how long will that take to get? MILLIONS of people have applied for unemployment. Thousands are sick. That math does not add up. None of the numbers add up. Where are people supposed to go back to work to if their place of business is now completely closed and cant open back up because rent is still due. Mortgage is still due. Some places may allow mortgages to be skipped but then expect several months worth of payments all at once. Are you doing anything about that crappy practice? Probably not. I have been utterly disgusted at the government's response to this. Once again the needs of the few outweigh the needs of the many. I want to get back to my life.
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Re-Open NC Stephanie Wildes	Dear Sirs,  How long does this have to drag out? Our state economy is collapsing before our eyes. People have lost their jobs. People are losing their jobs. Businesses are disappearing that will never rebound from this. Fear pedaling, hyper-inflated numbers and political agendas have shut down our wonderful state. Look at the current COVID-19 (5024 confirmed/108 dead as I write this) numbers. Was it worth shutting down the state for that?

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			<p>I also keep hearing that medical facilities are cutting back hours as they are underwhelmed by the sick that this virus has produced. If that's true I ask again, was it worth shutting down the state? The reality is that you can't keep everyone from getting this virus.</p> <p>Please let us go back to work, let us open for business and let us get back to our lives and livelihoods on May 1st. Let the virus run it's course. Most of us have common sense and will take care to not put ourselves at risk unless absolutely necessary.</p> <p>Lastly, the 1st Amendment allows for freedom of speech and peaceful assembly. The Governor, Raleigh Police Department, Capital Police and anyone else involved in the debacle with the protesters this past Tuesday should be called into question as to what exactly is their agenda.</p>
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Debra Savage	Please REOPEN NC, people are suffering, going bankrupt, hungry, children deprived of education, worried, lack of sleep. Those that are at risk should quarantine, not continue to have everyone quarantine. There have only been 130 deaths, less than the flu, which is ignored. Many people are in pain and need other surgeries, open the hospitals. And please open parks, national forest, trails, and Blue Ridge Parkway, hiking is excellent for your health.
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Judy Blair	I truly feel our state is doing much better than similarly situated states with our number and severity of Covid 19 cases. It is due partially to, the quick and decisive action taken by counties and our Governor. I do not feel that it is a good time to reopen our state. That would invite an increase in the number of cases. Thank you
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Barnes	NC must reopen by May 1 2020 to prevent further economic disaster as well for humanity and our freedoms. Individuals at risk can continue to take the necessary precautions needed
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	9197721521 Hanna Lyons	There is nothing more important than our health. If our health is compromised, then the economy is not even something to talk about - workers and employers will be unable to work. Thank you, Gov. Cooper, for following the recommendations of the medical community and continuing stay at home orders and continuing to close non-essential workplaces. Our health is the most important asset we have, and your leadership is important in maintaining our health. Thank you.
04/16/2020 02:17 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Leah Sanney	As a small business owner who still has received zero support for my business thus shut down must cease! It's ruining businesses. Destroying jobs. Towns. The list could go on. For a virus with a 98%+ survival rate this is not acceptable. This should not be decided by the state in a whole. Let town Mayors decide what is best for their community. This shut down is destroying us!
04/16/2020 02:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. James Varnell	Please Re Open the State of NC! We, the people demand it! This is a direct violation of our constitutional rights!! This violation cannot go any further! Open the state
04/16/2020 02:18 PM	Economic Support	Re-Open NC Emilee	Dear Sirs,

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	Working Group	Wildes	<p>How long does this have to drag out? Our state economy is collapsing before our eyes. People have lost their jobs. People are losing their jobs. Businesses are disappearing that will never rebound from this. Fear pedaling, hyper-inflated numbers and political agendas have shut down our wonderful state. Look at the current COVID-19 (5024 confirmed/108 dead as I write this) numbers. Was it worth shutting down the state for that?</p> <p>I also keep hearing that medical facilities are cutting back hours as they are underwhelmed by the sick that this virus has produced. If that's true I ask again, was it worth shutting down the state? The reality is that you can't keep everyone from getting this virus.</p> <p>Please let us go back to work, let us open for business and let us get back to our lives and livelihoods on May 1st. Let the virus run it's course. Most of us have common sense and will take care to not put ourselves at risk unless absolutely necessary.</p> <p>Lastly, the 1st Amendment allows for freedom of speech and peaceful assembly. The Governor, Raleigh Police Department, Capital Police and anyone else involved in the debacle with the protesters this past Tuesday should be called into question as to what exactly is their agenda.</p>
04/16/2020 02:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	MS Donnicia Pepper	It is time to open the state back up. We cannot continue to protect some people at the expense of others. Our numbers are low, remain low. Healthcare workers are losing hours because of lack of patients. Let people go back to work and be able to take care of their families.
04/16/2020 02:18 PM	Education Working Group	Teacher Assistant Tammy Styles	Open the businesses and schools. This situation is stressful for parents, in-turn putting some children in emotionally/physically unstable homes. The trauma of domestic violence and parents suffering from mental health disparity will cause lasting affects for these children. Vulnerable people can protect themselves from covid 19 by social distancing or volunteer quarantine. Children cannot protect themselves from volatile situations of domestic violence, drug/alcohol dependent parents, or parents suffering mental health crisis. There is also the consideration of families who are food insecure, and families that will be displaced because they will not be able to financially recover from the loss of work. The economy is not my concern. The children are my concern, and this shut down will impact them for years and years to come.
04/16/2020 02:18 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Anthony Holden	Re open NC!!!!
04/16/2020 02:18 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Caranna OMelveny	Open the state of NC with common sense strategies to mitigate the risk of the virus while getting citizens back to work! If you don't take action now, there will not be an economy to RE-open. Be reasonable, we do not need to continue to be shuttered past the current order!
04/16/2020 02:19 PM	Education Working Group	Erin Tew	Reopen NC!!!!!! People are ready to work!!

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04/16/2020 02:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Cathy Lancaster	Reopen NC businesses and churches. Anyone of you who choses to continue to violate my civil rights as a US citizen need not look for my vote this fall.
04/16/2020 02:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Dustin Holland	I understand the reason for the initial shutdown was to assess and attempt to halt the spread of the virus. I feel the media has blown this "pandemic" way out of proportion in order to forward some underlying agenda and probably more so, to boost ratings. We need strong leadership to use common sense and end this shutdown immediately. Our Constitutional Rights are being violated and it must stop. We've heard the Democratic Party scream that President Trump and the Republican Party have been violating the Constitution since he took office, yet they don't seem to have a problem with it being violated now. All elected persons, I refuse to say officials, work for us, the people. How about doing what the people want? More people die from the flu and other routine illnesses every year, but there's never been such a knee jerk reaction as the one we have now. Maybe those individuals who are more susceptible to the virus take precautions to prevent themselves from getting sick and let the rest of us go on with our lives.
04/16/2020 02:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Sabrina Smith	We will not recover if you don't let us get back to work! We all feel like we're being lied to and controlled! Where is our freedom?
04/16/2020 02:19 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Philip Danz	OPEN the state NOW. How many lives will you ruin to possibly save a few. Responsible adults understand how to protect themselves from the risks inherent in living their lived.
04/16/2020 02:19 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Jason Sieber	We must reopen this economy. The shutdown is not sustainable, the number of infections do not equate purposefully entering a severe economic depression. We the taxpayers of this state demand our rights, protected by the bill of rights, to be respected.
04/16/2020 02:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Patrick Sherrill	I think NC should reopen on May 1st, if not before. We are killing our economy when I don't think we have to.
04/16/2020 02:20 PM	Education Working Group	Priscilla Mellon	Our students are suffering more now than from this virus that has more than a 97% success rate. Our kids are telling us this remote learning is not teaching them anything. They miss their schools, their teachers, their friend. The emotional and education toll this setting these kids back for the next several years. Reopen our schools please.
04/16/2020 02:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tammy Brown	Reopen NC This is ridiculous. Our state is not densely populated. Businesses know precautions. Open up. People concerned can stay home. Heck Walmart is busier than ever. Open open open
04/16/2020 02:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs Shiby Mathew	please reopen the state and the county. There are more flu deaths in 2019 than coronavirus deaths in 2020. We all need to work to make ends meet. Everyone including healthcare workers are getting furloughed as hospitals are not making money. Economy is failing. Look out for the good of those who placed you in your seats.
04/16/2020 02:20 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Cherie Whitley	Please encourage Gov Cooper to reopen N.C. If we do not reopen, the effects from this shutdown will have far more devastating effects than the virus ever would have.
04/16/2020 02:21 PM	Continuity of State	Janice Lewis	Please keep NC shutdown until all citizens have been tested! Thank you! Keep up the good

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04/16/2020 02:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open business Verna Middleton	Open business
04/16/2020 02:21 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open NC Stephanie Harten	Open NC and let us return to work so we can feed and take care of our families!
04/16/2020 02:21 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jerry Snyder	My family's small business can not survive another month if the shut down order remains in place. It is my family's sole source of income. We will not recover. We are suffering and feel helpless and hopeless. Please do not extend the shelter in place order.
04/16/2020 02:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	J Fox	<p>Please REOPEN NC-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) For the furloughed worker whose unemployment check still isn't enough to cover their bills</li> <li>2) For those who can't afford to feed their families and their food supply is limited because food banks quickly running out of stock</li> <li>3) for those who suffer from domestic abuse</li> <li>4) for those with mental health issues, whose struggles are being worsened ten fold by the isolation, uncertainty, and economic hardship</li> <li>5) for people who own small businesses who might not be able to open back up and then have lost their whole livelihood</li> <li>6) for the farmers throwing away fresh produce because there aren't buyers or food banks to store the food</li> <li>7) for the college student is simultaneously working to provide their living AND pay for school at the same time</li> </ol> <p>There are more health risks associated to this shut down than ONLY Covid-19. Let's make a plan to open in a such way that people can back to work and still be safe. If that means that every salon, retail store, or bar has to limit the number of patrons inside so be it. At least they can be open and make a profit. Make a plan. Re open- May 1st.</p>
04/16/2020 02:22 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dawn Coyne	Reopen NC! Let people go back to work. Freedom first!
04/16/2020 02:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristin Roberts	Open up Nc and schools. Let's get things back up and running!!
04/16/2020 02:23 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Danny Simpson	We need to let the small businesses in North Carolina open. Many probably won't be able to open now anyway because of lost revenue
04/16/2020 02:23 PM	Economic Support	Priscilla Mellon	Our small businesses are being shut down at an alarming rate. We have 125 people losing

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	Working Group		their jobs for every person you claim has this virus. I say claim because not everyone is actually being tested as long as they have symptoms, they could have anything for all we know. We need to stop living in fear and live life. Our economy will take decades to recover if this keeps up much longer. Look to Sweden if you need to see how to do it but just do it fast.
04/16/2020 02:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris C	We need to re-open NC by May 1st.. We are suffering..
04/16/2020 02:24 PM	Economic Support Working Group	reopen nc brenda feathers	nc businesses need work
04/16/2020 02:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Donald Van Dyke	As of 7 PM April 15, Durham County had 376 COVID cases and 2 deaths. Orange County had 159 cases and 1 death. Wake County had 537 cases and 1 death. These counties should be completely open TODAY. The huge economic losses cannot be justified by these infection statistics. NCDHHS, County Health Departments is the source of the above data.  Reopen now!
04/16/2020 02:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReOpen NC Now Laura Piedad	Reopen the state. Families can't survive under the current restrictions. I can take care of myself and my family just fine without government interference.
04/16/2020 02:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christie Avery	We must open the state right away, but no later than May 1st. Our small business community is being hammered during this shut down. As is our larger bushiness, just most haven't noticed because the trickle down effect has not landed on their doorstep. it will, by then it will be far too late to do anything timely about it. My husband is a essential worker in manufacturing, they have GOVERNMENT as well as private sector contracts. two weeks ago they SHUT down for at least a month sighting lack of work, if things don't improve a company who hasn't laid off workers in 27 years will be forced to do just that. this is HORRIFIC... Their unemployment hasn't come through. He and the others just want to return to work. This is our story, however it mirrors thousands if not millions across the state. We the people must get back to work, and yes we can be kept aware of the status of the virus. Taking needed precautions, as a immune compromised individual it is up to me to take responsibility for my healthcare and life, judging the risk and balancing those risk with due diligence and precaution. Respectfully, It is not the Governments job.
04/16/2020 02:25 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ryan Flora	My wife and I both rely on our family businesses that cater to larger groups (anywhere from 25-300 people) to support our family. These businesses have served our communities for over 60 years and are in danger of closing for good. Not only are we asking that the quarantine be lifted but that it is done so at the end of April as previously stated. As I'm sure the likelihood of a full lift is small, the sooner it begins the sooner we can get back to something resembling "normal" in our businesses.  We have seen the models that caused the panic and shutdowns being adjusted down from 2 million to 220k and are still being lowered. It is time to let the economy reopen and allow NC citizens to resume the freedoms that have made our State and Country great. Allow our citizens to wear PPE if they desire and pick up where we left off one month ago. Don't let partisan politics dictate the need of the people to work and support their families. It's easy for those that want to remain quarantined to do so. That would be their choice. But those of us that want to get things running again are denied OUR choice and in some cases, our constitutional rights.

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			REOPEN NC AND SAVE OUR SMALL BUSINESSES.
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Sara Baucom	It's time to open our economy and let the healthy work. Keep the vulnerable home.
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melody Edghill	Please REOPEN NC small business & sole proprietors are suffering. We can maintain social distancing, washing hands, sanitizing surfaces & wearing mask. There is no more \$ to give to these folks. Americans know how to be smart
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Health Care Working Group	Chrystal Eckard	#ReopenNC
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Crystal Sossoman	I feel like NC should start to reopen some businesses in a very careful manor beginning May 1st but still require some degree of social distancing in restaurants and stores. I believe hair salons should be able to reopen as long as both people wear masks.
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Health Care Working Group	Scott Smith	I am very much in favor of modifying current COVID protocols to reflect the relatively low growth of new cases and suggest that counties be considered individually. Generally however I would like to see the restrictions relaxed where reasonable.
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kristin Withek	I am a single self employed hairdresser. Ive worked at my salon since 2007. I have no one coming to save me. This is financially ruining me as well as my 12 co workers, also self employed. I stand to lose my home, my car, and most importantly my livelihood. The state of NC needs to open NOW. PLEASE!!!
04/16/2020 02:26 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Daune Pitman	It is time to reopen our state! As a small business owner of a 28 year old business, WE NEED to reopen! Our business is statewide and our workers can't file unemployment or get any of the benefits. What is being done is absurd and there is NO science or logic that supports it. There will be blood on your hands due to the mass tragedy you've caused to families and generational businesses that will not recover.
04/16/2020 02:27 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mark Woodworth	Please begin the process to open our state back up. People need to return to work and their lives
04/16/2020 02:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Monica Donaldson	Small business owner of a spa and request to open NC ONLY when the scientists think it will be safe for myself and my clients. The nature of my job has my face inches from my clients. I have justifiable concerns due to the shortage of PPE. How will I be able to protect myself and my "high at risk" clients? Please put NC lives before profits. Trust me when I say I desperately want to be earning money at my business I am missing so much. But not at the cost of another's life!!!
04/16/2020 02:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr David StClair	It is imperative that Governor Cooper's shelter in place order stays in place until comprehensive testing is available throughout North Carolina and the rest of the country. Health care experts are saying it is the only way to prevent further spikes in cases, and deaths. The group pushing to reopen North Carolina is tragically mistaken.
04/16/2020 02:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Linda Gallagher	Reopen NC. Death rate in the state is 0.00001383 of the state population but 10% of NC workforce is unemployed related to covid 19 stay at home order. Vaccine is 18 months away. There is no choice but to reopen the state or there will be more death related to poverty than Covid-19. Legislate by logic not fear.
04/16/2020 02:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Jason Taylor	Open up the State!!!! The cure is worse than the disease!!!!

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04/16/2020 02:27 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Karen Zimmerman	Let's open and practice safe measures
04/16/2020 02:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alison Roberts	Please reopen North Carolina for business. Our small businesses are suffering. Some of them will never recover from this loss of revenue. Our economy will suffer greatly from unemployment and business failures if we do not loosen the restrictions. Common sense, says that we would need to open things gradually and not just go back to the way things were before but we CAN do this. Please listen to the economists just as you listen to doctors. A great depression could be worse for society as a whole than a virus with at 97+% survival rate.
04/16/2020 02:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	REOPEN NC Darleen Masterson	Reopen NC! We have 10.5 million people with 4kish cases. The numbers are not there. Let the healthy people get back to work & if people feel they need to social distance still they can. I don't know what numbers y'all have been looking at but there's been no rise. Quarantine is for the sick and autoimmune compromised not for the majority of us who will recover if we did catch the virus. Any virus is contagious and the numbers have been much higher for the flu. Please reopen Nc and let the healthy people start this economy back up. You have to think about mental health as well. The amount of crimes, suicide, depression, it's time to get back to work. We've been doing this for a month there's no need to continue.
04/16/2020 02:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Joshua Monday	#reopennc this is getting ridiculous
04/16/2020 02:28 PM	Education Working Group	Jamie Gunter	We are keeping this state closed based on a minimal population when the majority of the population is suffering. We must reopen our state for the well-being of all! Why can't those who choose to stay home be able to do so while the rest of us work?!?!?
04/16/2020 02:28 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Anyssa Bell	We need to reopen NC our people are suffering!! Most of the people in my town rely on small businesses for goods and jobs! Schools are being told to go online while many residents in the NC mountains don't have internet! We desperately need our state reopen!!!
04/16/2020 02:28 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Jennifer Douglas	Gov. Cooper has done excellent t job keeping NC citizens safe. We cannot undo the good we have done without proper structures in place. I trust he will make a solid decision.
04/16/2020 02:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr Albert Jones	I implore the committee to act with reason and common sense and work toward re-opening the state. The statistics on the virus do not reflect reality.
04/16/2020 02:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Andrea Ballinger	We need our state to open back up. People are losing jobs not being able to get assistance. Unemployment isn't enough to pay bills and get food. We need our Economy to go forward not backwards. Trump wants the states to open by May 1. Please listen to the people who are speaking loud and clear. Open the forest back up to give people an option to breathe fresh air. Allow small businesses to reopen. Stop all the fear mongering.
04/16/2020 02:29 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr William Ray	I am a consultant for 32 businesses in the Triangle area. Many of them have been shut down by the Executive order, and across the 32, several dozen people have lost their jobs as the business owners struggle to maintain solvency. A few have had their businesses completely evaporate before their eyes. This is completely unacceptable. Most of them were otherwise healthy and flourishing before this gov't imposed shutdown. The economy

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			needs to be reopened. We can protect vulnerable populations AND reopen the economy. People at risk can quarantine themselves. We can take extra precaution. Our healthcare capacity is nowhere near being tested, and our hospitals are suffering from under-utilization of their capacities. This has to stop.
04/16/2020 02:29 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr David StClair	I believe North Carolina should expand voting by mail as much as is possible prior to the November elections. Everyone deserves the opportunity to vote without risking their health. Voting by mail is done in a handful of other states and should be done in North Carolina.
04/16/2020 02:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Open NC Pauline Heiny	I am writing to desperately implore you to open this state. It is BEYOND clear that the consequences of these shut downs have far outweighed the effects of this disease. This sudden concern for every single death in the state of NC is unprecedented. Last week we were told that this would be one of the darkest days in American history. We all prepared for the worst. It never happened. We were told our hospitals would be overrun. It never happened. In fact, we were told the entire sole purpose of these measures was to keep hospitals from being overloaded, not to eradicate the disease in its entirety. That was clearly a lie as hospitals haven't even been close to capacity yet we are being told that we must still stay closed. People are going to continue to die in traffic accidents, from heart disease, from cancer, from respiratory illness, from suicide and from all measure of disease whether we open or not. Death is a part of life that we have lived with since the beginning of time. The numbers are beyond clear and even with mitigation factored in have not reached anywhere near what we were led to believe. At this point I statistically have a greater chance of being struck by lightning than dying of this disease. I can't imagine a crueller act taken by government than restricting the ability of a parent to provide for their children. This is so cruel and based off of apocalyptic models that have not taken place..... not even remotely close. PLEASE open up this economy before it's too late for so many. PLEASE!!!!
04/16/2020 02:30 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Pastor Jeff McCann	NC families are hurting economically. Please give individuals the opportunity to take responsibility. Open NC back up for business and education.
04/16/2020 02:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Natalie Daniels	Reopen NC.
04/16/2020 02:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Kirsten Stovall	Please reopen North Carolina to all businesses. The shut down has devastated our economy and community. It is time to reopen.
04/16/2020 02:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Bill Stork	We are killing our economy and small businesses. Common sense guidelines... but get the state back open. Long term consequences will be worse and I would think more health issues for people loosing their livelihood. If you don't have the money, you don't go to the doctor, you don't eat right or take care of yourself. The population will definitely put the blame on the Governor...

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04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Phoebe Brown	We need to reopen all business in our state. The. low numbers of Covid cases does not warrant such drastic action.
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Meg Moore	Please fully reopen North Carolina by April 29th.
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Dane Bowen	I've noticed watching this whole Covid-19 thing play out. .. There are the left who are empathetic and caring about people losing jobs, getting sick and having to depend on our pathetic health care system, and then there are the other side, the Trump supporters that only care about the money. Driven by getting the capitalistic machine started up again, no matter the cost to people.
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Mary Henderson	It's time to re-open NC. It's time for our businesses to be opened and unrestricted. These regulations our governor is imposing are unconstitutional and he has overstepped his boundaries. It is time to re-open NC!
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Linda Bristow	We the citizens of NC need our state to reopen. Businesses are suffering, our economy is going to crash. We need to be able to have church. This is so important.
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Melissa Greene	Governor Cooper our economy and small businesses cannot survive much more of this!! I think we are going to have to start reopening our state. I listened to your "new normal" recommendations. I think there is another way. We can start opening small businesses letting them design their own ways to handle the social distancing concern and still open for business. If you are in a high risk group make your own choices but recommend they avoid public areas, Wear masks when in public but REOPEN THE STATE!!! I hope and pray you are not trying to forward your political agenda at the expense of the people. The economy needs this, the people need this, North Carolina needs this, Reopen NC. Thank you
04/16/2020 02:31 PM	Economic Support Working Group	RE Open North Carolina Robert Miller	Please hear our plea - we need to re-open the state. Our businesses are becoming devastated by the shut down. The cure is causing way more than the disease. We have all learned our lesson and understand social distancing and how to be safe and clean. We all know you cannot get sick if you keep your hands clean and sterile, and do not put them in your eyes nose and mouth. Please re-open
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Lacey Cost er	Please! My husband is a Dentist and we have zero paycheck coming in, and make too much to qualify for the stimulus but yet have huge bills that come with being a Dentist. Can we please come up with a plan to reopen our economy? Less patients in the building, less maximum capacity? Something is better then nothing at this point and I worry for his mental health as well as his assistants and many other North Carolinians who are in the same boat.
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Paul Church	Open N.C. for business again!!
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Ms. Danette Frazier	Social Distancing became a popular theory after the SARS outbreak. In a vacuum sealed ideal world where we only fight one problem at a time, then it looks like a good idea. Focusing on one problem, Covid-19, has caused much bigger problems in many other areas in society. In order to save thousands of lives, millions of people are losing jobs and

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	Group		businesses...yet, we still do not know the infection fatality rate due to lack of antibody testing. It seems to be much lower than originally thought, due to better data. We also do not know how effective social distancing is. Claiming that the rates are better due to social distancing has some merit, but the information was way off. Please consider the opposing view from many medical and scientific professionals that are questioning the current actions taken by the CDC and governmental leaders. I know everyone wants to do what's best, so please consider the bigger picture and get better data for decisions. We can protect the vulnerable. But, we also need to allow people who are willing and able to work. Thank you.
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr Christopher Costa	Before we do anything we need Testing, Testing, and Testing. Than Tracking!
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Christopher Dancu	please reopen NC starting May 1st. You can phase in the reopening setting guidelines for the businesses
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group		Please open NC for business. The 'cure' for COVID 19 is going to hurt a lot more people than the virus. Poverty is a disease that will affect generations to come.
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Randy Hawley	Please reopen North Carolina
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Andrea Green	DO Not reverse stay at home; Mecklenburg predicts peak mid June. It needs to be extended.
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Cheryl Plageman	As a lifetime resident of NC I ask that you re-open all of NC businesses now. You are taking away out freedoms here in NC.
04/16/2020 02:32 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Victoria Hillis	My husband and I, both N.C. residents and voters, are extremely concerned with the impact, economic and otherwise, of continuing the shutdown of the N.C. economy. This shutdown is unsustainable from whatever angle you look at it, and is wholly unwarranted in light of the danger to the public health posed by COVID-19. The curve has been flattened, we have beefed up our health care resources, and there is no way we can eliminate (or ever could have eliminated), the threat of the virus - now we need to get on with our lives before all economic activity grinds to a halt. As it is, our "safety" is being borne on the backs of too few "essential" workers - they cannot bear the burden much longer. We strongly favor reopening NC now!
04/16/2020 02:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jackie Poston	I'm not sure if I am in the correct category or not but I hope my concerns will be noted. The shutdown in NC is oppressive and unconstitutional let alone unwarranted according to statistics for our state. Keeping people in their homes actually adds to their risk. This virus has been here in NC way before testing for it began. FOR ONCE, quit towing the "party" line and be an example for all governors by putting some practical, workable guidelines in place. Unless your goal is to hurt our economy and NC citizens then you will keep things as is. Very disappointed thus far, Governor.

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04/16/2020 02:33 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Amy Howard	We need to open up businesses and restaurants so we can move on with our lives. We cannot stay closed until this completely goes away. Life must go on.
04/16/2020 02:33 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open NC Hayley Mullins	Reopen NC on April 30th. The virus is not spreading aggressively and killing millions like any of the models claimed it would, social distancing is only slowing the inevitable. We need herd immunity and we need it now. What's the point in "saving lives" if there's no life to come back to afterwards and your current "solution" is completely annihilating our economy. Do the right thing, open the state back up.
04/16/2020 02:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Joy Pennell	RE-OPEN! NC citizens and particularly small business owners desperately need NC to RE-OPEN!
04/16/2020 02:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr John Tkach	We need to reopen business throughout NC. Allow business owners to make the appropriate decisions and take appropriate actions to help slow the spread.
04/16/2020 02:33 PM	Economic Support Working Group	kathleen mueller	Small businesses are dying . In counties that have a low case loads, loosen the rules. Keep cities like Charlotte, Raleigh /Durham and the beaches closed.
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms Linda Bumgardner	It is time to open NC for small businesses before it is too late. We can take precautions while we are reopening our doors. We need our governor to lift the Stay at Home mandate. Please don't let this get worse.
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Kimberly Lindsey-Covington	Hello, of course you know we are fighting an unseen enemy. We value our families and our lives. So please don't not reopen the state and go back to business as usual until you do adequate testing and more research. We can always make money but we can bring back our dead love ones. Do not reopen until you know without a shadow of doubt we are safe. Our lives are in your hands.
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dale Smith	Open north carolina up
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jennifer Johnson	My husband and I operate three business in Wake County and live in Granville County. This shutdown has reduced our income to less than 2-% of what it was. While we do have some revenue coming in, it is very little. Our busiessses can operate remotely on a very basic level, but do require face to face engagement at some point. I feel our curve is flattening and that with caution, we should allow business to start conducting business again. I agree with that those at risk should continue to shelter in place. But those of us who are healthy can continue working. Wear masks, wash hands and use sanitizer, keep distance as much as possible . . . but this is not sustainable. The SBA and Unemployment simply cannot keep up with demand NOR fulfill the demand. Larger companies, mostly unaffected by this (think law firms who are busy) have received PPP nad EIDL funding while Mom and Pop shops are considering shutdowns. Give us a chance or be ready for extended unemployment and more demand on our subsidized programs.
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Charles morrow	Our small retail business is struggling because of this shut down. We would love to reopen soon even if we have to follow certain guidelines about how many people are allowed in our store at one time. This can't continue for any great length of time or we will no longer be able to pay our staff or ourselves.
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Continuity of State	Mr Frank Pearsall	It's time to reopen the state of NC. Our economy is falling apart. People like me with

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04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Open NC Amy Calo	This shit down is an overreach. Pleas encourage social distancing and other measures for the most vulnerable but allow other people to work. Propel can not afford to be without an income and the stimulus checks are not going to cut it.
04/16/2020 02:34 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chris Weldon	This virus is not nearly as bad as predicted, open NC
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Danielle Drehsen	We need to reopen, we need to be able to work. People can't pay their bills and feed there families. Not everyone has been eligible for assistance. Reopen!
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Iris Carman	North Carolina has immediate needs for healthcare and public health support, to protect families from lost work and strengthen our economy. Focus on people first and their need to replace lost income, put food on the table and keep a roof over peoples' heads. These resources should exclude no person for their identity or immigration status. Our fates are intertwined, bold commitments to support our neighbors' health and well-being are required to address the devastating impacts of COVID-19. Collective resources to build systems that will help every person and every community recover must be designed and implemented quickly. I am very concerned about the produce farmers. There produce must not go to waste. Many people are going hungry and the food banks require more to help those in need of food. Please work with produce farmers locally and across states to prevent the loss of their produce! Buy it and ship it to food banks and other groups working diligently to stop hunger!
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. A G	Open us up!!! My dad will die of a heart attack trying to save his business that is drowning and it will be because of this shutdown. He is high risk but would rather die trying to protect what he worked so har dof r and the livelihoods of his employees before allowing you to run his lifes work to the ground. We are all watching you!
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Angie Arrants	It is time to implement some safety guidelines and reopen our state. It is not the place of government to restrict our livelihood.
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mary Ann Shultz	Open NC!
04/16/2020 02:35 PM	Health Care Working Group		Please use data and science for you decisions. My family was hit hard,even a death. All community transmission.
04/16/2020 02:36 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Stacey Towne	You need to open up the state to work as best as WE see fit. Our livelihoods are on the line. It's no longer whether or not we get sick it's whether or not we will have a job to feed our family and pay our bills. Staying closed will have disasterous results for the economy. And I promise you, without our small businesses this state will suffer deeply.
04/16/2020 02:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ellen Nudi	Reopen NC and get our people back to work! We can operate safely
04/16/2020 02:36 PM	Economic Support	The state needs to open	This virus has caused us to suffer in ways far superior than the devastation of the disease.

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	Working Group	Beth Roach	The original plan was to flatten the curve, let the healthcare and supply chain catch up. The plan was not to eradicate. We can't change the "plan" . Open up the colleges and the businesses so people can go on With their lives and not experience other health issues And other unintended side effects from this quarantine.
04/16/2020 02:36 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Chas Stratton	Please allow businesses to reopen on May 1. Keep stay at home orders only for those citizens that are susceptible to the disease. The curve has been successfully flattened.
04/16/2020 02:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Colonel (Retired) William Schaper	Open our state back up and let's get back to normal!
04/16/2020 02:37 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Donna bowman	Please reopen North Carolina business!
04/16/2020 02:37 PM	Health Care Working Group	Melissa Flynn	I am as eager as anyone else to see NC "reopen" yet I understand that safeguards must be put in place before that can happen. Input from reputable experts in the field of medicine/infectious disease and epidemiology should dictate how and when the state reopens.
04/16/2020 02:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Owner Alyssa Toro	We need to reopen NC as soon as the president allows. Our numbers are low and our hospitals are equipped. My husband and I run 2 small businesses that are negatively impacted by the shelter at home order. We have employees we need to pay and are supporting through this but won't survive much longer like this. We also have a business owner friend that has had to close their doors to all three of their locations.
04/16/2020 02:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Sonja Hamric	Open up NC! NOW!
04/16/2020 02:38 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Traci Strickland	We are more than able to make decisions for ourselves as to where we go, what we buy and how we run our businesses! Open NC!!!
04/16/2020 02:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Lanesa Gaulden	Please open small businesses back up yesterday. Even if it's with limitations it's better than nothing. We need income. This unemployment is a crock. No one I know has received or even been approved including me. Understandably everything can't open back up but small businesses can with limits on people gathered.
04/16/2020 02:38 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Lorna Lueck	NC needs to open the state back up by May 1!
04/16/2020 02:38 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Bradley Price	The governor does not have unilateral power to shut the entire state of North Carolina down. This is causing irreversible damage to the economy and is attempting to create a new status quo where the government is able to institute new tyrannical policies at will and unimpeded. This is the antithesis to what the United States was founded on and is in

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			<p>direct odds with ideals of the American people. If someone wants to risk exposure to any virus or harmful agent then that is their prerogative. They would then suffer the consequences of such a choice. If a person is particularly susceptible the virus then it is their duty to take the necessary precautions, not the general population. The right to liberty, movement, and protest is enshrined in our founding documents and core beliefs as a country. Anything contrary to this is incompatible to our way of life. Life must go on.</p>
04/16/2020 02:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Abraham Thornton	<p>I think that all of us are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic represents a threat, particularly to the elderly and health compromised. I also believe that the vast majority of North Carolina residents are responsible adults who are able to evaluate the risks and make the right decisions for themselves, their families, and their community.</p>
			<p>However, this is not a single-faceted issue. Many individuals are worried about their livelihoods - their ability to feed their family, make rent, pay the mortgage, or keep their business from closing. These issues aren't just about money - they impact the mental, social, and physical health of the state and its residents. Studies have shown conclusive connections between unemployment and suicide, not to mention increases in substance abuse and domestic violence. I strongly urge the committee to consider these impacts and move to ease restrictions.</p>
04/16/2020 02:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Stacy Caldwell	<p>Reopen NC This whole process has been unconstitutional and reckless. Statistics don't support this drastic measure that has been taken.</p>
			<p>Quarantine the fragile and let the rest of the community work and support the economy! That is common sense.</p> <p>All people are essential and to say to a person you aren't essential is wrong. People's paychecks are essential. Are my illustrious governor and state reps going without pay? I think not. It is easy to make such stupid decisions when they don't affect your livelihood.</p> <p>The constitution does not have a clause that says this only applies in a healthy country! It is sort of like marriage vows. The constitution stands in sickness and in health.</p> <p>It is past time to do what is right for the 99% of the population. Protect and help the 1%, but no more gross abuses of power.</p> <p>We are a Gov't of the people, by the people, and for the people!</p>
			<p>It is way past time to reopen the state!</p>
04/16/2020 02:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Bonnie Caskey	<p>I'm writing today as a concerned North Carolina voter. I vehemently oppose the continued shutdown of our state and the Unconstitutional orders in place. The data does not support the actions taken by our state government. My husband and I both own small businesses and have lost thousands of dollars in the last several weeks. Our children are struggling. Our family's financial, physical and emotional health should be a part of the equation as well. I believe there is a way we can protect those who need it and get people back to work. Please hear our heart when we say, "We need to REOPEN NC now!"</p>

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04/16/2020 02:39 PM	Health Care Working Group	Lorna Burns	<p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>We must not reopen until health experts advise it. People will die and the economy will suffer even more in the long run.</p>
04/16/2020 02:39 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Kenneth Carlson	<p>If North Carolina and other states want an example of how the economy can open up while still taking thoughtful, effective precautions to limit the Coronavirus risk, one effective way is to evaluate the many "essential businesses" still operating. In short, those businesses are mini-test labs of how to work while honoring COVID-19 concerns. And absent the occasional outlier, if those essential businesses haven't had any consistent spikes in positive cases -- which apparently has not happened -- then there's our prototype.</p> <p>Latest morning stats as of today, April 16, from the NCDHHS: 5,465 confirmed cases = just .00052% of NC's population, and .077% of the 70,917 people tested. 131 deaths = .000012% of NC's population and .024% of those testing positive.</p> <p>In short, there's got to be a better way to manage the relative risks of COVID-19 without essentially shutting down our economy as currently being done. And hopefully this comment will help take us in that better direction.</p> <p>Thanks for considering.</p>
04/16/2020 02:40 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	S. Lacey	<p>Please begin to reopen NC.</p> <p>I understand that our social distancing has flattened the curve, but now we know that (most) hospitals aren't overwhelmed and have capacity to treat those severe cases that may arise. By continuing to social distance to this extreme, NC citizens are at risk of dealing with this virus for an even longer time period, losing jobs and local businesses, and honestly, depression from this social isolation, job loss, lack of in-person, human interaction that inevitably will lead to more suicides and mental health struggles.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that you re-open North Carolina as soon as possible to prevent these unnecessary consequences and restore the ability of our state to thrive in physical, emotional and economic health.</p>
04/16/2020 02:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Nicole Wyche	<p>This shut down cannot continue to go on. More lives will be lost because the complications resulting from this shut down. Those numbers will not be told to everyone in the world like covid numbers, will they.</p>
04/16/2020 02:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Tracy Shumack	<p>I am writing this because as a NC resident and business owner I want to see us back up and running ASAP. Now, I do not say this lightly. I worked in healthcare for more than 25 years. In the beginning I was all for this, because we didn't know what this was, how it worked, how to treat it. It was the unknown that was the worst. Now we have a ton more of information, we have treatments for it and they are working, and we need to get back to normal. Please for the love of God, open this country back up... There are more people that die from flu or cancer each year than this virus. Please do what is right and stop this before it is too late.</p>
04/16/2020 02:40 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Christopher Russell	<p>Please do not extend this we will not be able to recover many won't be able to now. And we will certainly loose a lot more if this continues</p>

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04/16/2020 02:40 PM	Health Care Working Group	Re-Open NC Donna McMahan	Just a few comment, I can by alcohol and become an alcoholic but I can't get my hair done. I can go to Walmart, Ingles, Lowe's and be in direct contact with a lot of people but I can't go sit in my car in my church parking lot and listen to my pastor bring a service. Now I can't go hike trails in the Park for who knows what reason. We have had 4 people in my county with the COVID-19 virus, no deaths which is a blessing but we have families losing their homes because they can't work. This will cause suicides, break up of families and numerous other issues. We need to look at the whole picture and stop focusing on what "they" say, whoever they may be. You will go down in history as the governor that destroyed NC!
04/16/2020 02:40 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Re-open NC Michael Baldwin	The latest statistics show that the shut down has already performed its function and that continuation of the shut down does not produce any further benefits. In fact extending the shit down has more harmful effects on the mental and physical well being of the people of North Carolina. Beyond those the economic impact has not only hurt small businesses short term but the lasting effect will be the number of people who will not be able to afford healthcare if they lose their employment. Trading an extended lock down for long term lose in being able to afford healthcare should be taken into consideration.
04/16/2020 02:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business owner Audrey McKenzie	I'm a new business owner and new resident to NC! My livelihood depends on you opening the State!! By nit doing so, you are just going to be sending residents back out to start visiting in each other's homes and simply undoing all that's been done!
04/16/2020 02:42 PM	Health Care Working Group	ms hannah morse	get our economy open people want to work
04/16/2020 02:42 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Business Owner Vicki Ashley	We need our businesses open. People are going to die from starvation, homelessness, suicide and other medical issues. We can't visit doctors, dentists or any medical professional. People are losing everything they worked for. Please open on April 30th!!!!
04/16/2020 02:43 PM	Health Care Working Group	diane billings	OPEN UP THE ECONOMY!!!!!!!
04/16/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Elizabeth Yates	We need to be open! People in low risk categories should be able to return to life and work. Life and livelihoods are one in the same. We need precautions not panic. We need our economy to support our state now and into the future. Remaining closed is very shortsighted.
04/16/2020 02:43 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Carrie Howland	The hospitals are empty. Thousands of Doctors and Nurses have been furloughed. The unemployment lines are spilling over. The PPP is out of money. This was a huge overreach that was never supported with reliable data. We need to work. Open us back up.
04/16/2020 02:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	COVID-19 openings Jeff Roach	Please open the State up for business. The cure is becoming worse than the virus with the impact to al N.C. citizens. The citizens of N.C. expect government to provide direction - not to implement a police state which will ruin our State and National in the long run. Getting people back to work is as important as finding a cure/vaccine for this dreaded virus.
04/16/2020 02:44 PM	Health Care Working Group	Heather McMeans	I work for a dental lab in WNC. We have had to shut down most all of our production due to the restrictions on NC. Our numbers of coronavirus virus do not reflect pandemic status. We have people who are willing to work and do not want to be a drain on our state's resources. Please re open NC. Your people are hurting, your students are hurting...this is not because they are sick...it is because healthy people have been told to

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04/16/2020 02:44 PM	Economic Support Working Group	CATHY CAGNO	stay at home. This is not right. Please reopen our state. REOPEN NC IS CRUCIAL! LET EVERYONE GET BACK TO WORK! THIS WHOLE THING IS INSANE AND HAS BEEN BLOWN WAY OUT OF PORPORTION TO SCARE AMERICA AND I AM SICK OF IT!
04/16/2020 02:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Charles LaVerdiere	I am gravely concerned by the overreaches of the NC State and various County governments that are preventing law abiding citizens from working to earn a living.  Please remove these draconian restrictions now – people who are at risk can choose to shelter at home, and those of us at lower risk can choose to practice cautious hygiene measures. We all take calculated risks everyday and don't need you to protect us from a virus. Please stop treating your constituents like we're helpless children who need your benevolent guidance.  I have no problem with the government requiring people with COVID-19 symptoms to quarantine, but shelter-in-place, or stay-at-home orders for healthy people are an egregious violation of our Constitutional rights. Please reopen NC now!
04/16/2020 02:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	Asa H	Please do not re-open NC in any capacity until such a time as it is factually proven safe to do so. We cannot risk our citizen's lives for profits. That is far more inhumane than the current shutdown, and I ask that it not be considered.
04/16/2020 02:45 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Phillip Tipton	Reopen nc
04/16/2020 02:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	REOPEN NC Stephanie Powell	By closing down deemed “non essential” businesses like my own (massage therapy office) you are not so slowly nailing the lids to our coffins. My livelihood has been shut down and I have had ZERO income for 2 months now, with all of my bills still due as normal. I see clients in one room, on a one on one basis. How, pray tell, is this an issue when I see that WALMART of all places is now bringing in massage therapists into a crowded warehouse to give massages to its employees???? My small business is floundering and it's a new business trying to get on its feet anyway. People should be allowed to work and be allowed to get back to their normal lives, as much as they are comfortable with. If the individual doesn't want to get a haircut or a massage then that's their choice but by constricting what is ALLOWED does nothing but cause frustration and anger from the healthy people who NEED to work to sustain themselves. Not to mention the clients I see who use massage therapy as THERAPY to combat chronic pain issues and acute injuries. You are effectively limiting healthcare to people who use alternate methods other than so called Western medicine to offer them relief. Shame shame shame.....
04/16/2020 02:45 PM	Health Care Working Group	M Lemire	It's time to reopen. Be smart with the distancing and keep lockdown on the groups that have the highest risk (nursing homes etc). Don't tank the Economy with this current one size fits all approach.
04/16/2020 02:45 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC Hillary Pennell	We need to reopen the NC economy! People's livelihoods are at stake. The suicide rate is up over 300% since the lockdown. Child abuse and domestic violence are up as well! To

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			shut down the economy for such an extended time is asinine. It's hurting a bigger majority then it is protecting. Those who wish to self quarantine and social distance can still do so. But those of us who wish to get back to work can do so safely and responsibly. It's our right!
04/16/2020 02:46 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kathy Cox	Open the state back up, our people are suffering
04/16/2020 02:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Sarah Kemp	NC businesses need to reopen. This shutdown is unsustainable.
04/16/2020 02:46 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Renee Benge	#ReopenNC
04/16/2020 02:47 PM	Economic Support Working Group	President RGO William Bletner	It's time to Reopen North Carolina !!!
04/16/2020 02:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Renae Williford	The current COVID-19 numbers for the state of North Carolina do not indicate that we should continue the stay at home orders as indicated by governor Cooper. The citizens of North Carolina are increasingly concerned of the law enforcement overreach in violation of our rights given to us by the Constitution of the United States of America. We will not be silent on this matter. Our state could easily begin a safe rollout of opening businesses and getting people back to work today. We will remember the action and in action of our state representatives on this matter come election time. Reopen North Carolina!
04/16/2020 02:48 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Cindy Marion	I am a Child Nutrition Director in Yadkin County. Our program and it's employees went to work Saturday the 14th to get a meals program going for families and have kept it up an running full blasts serving over 6,000 meal each day. The state has not invested in child nutrition programs , yet we have always answered the call when needed for emergency feeding. Please give us a per plate reimbursement that can will be earmarked for employee salaries. Our employees are some of the lowest paid in the state and no state money comes to our program for there salaries currently. This will help to keep these programs viable and serving children now and for years to come.
04/16/2020 02:48 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Gary Carr	The state needs to be re-opened. This is devastating to small business and mental well being.
04/16/2020 02:49 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Kayla Griffin	I do not support continued shutdown, not at all. #Reopennc
04/16/2020 02:50 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs Laurie Cicuto	I am a Catawba County resident supporting #Reopen NC.. Please, businesses need to open, the healthy people of North Carolina need to get back to work and also need our Civil Liberties protected. Please support and help the people and the economy of our great state.
04/16/2020 02:50 PM	Continuity of State	Mr Jeremy Collins	NC needs to be reopened now. Businesses are failing and the stimulus is already gone.

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	Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		This needs to end now.
04/16/2020 02:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	ReopenNC Chris Respass	Please re-open North Carolina! Business owners are hurting terrible by the overage that governor Cooper is committing. In the election the people will speak, the working class, the ones who keep this country going that have been stopped because of public officials!
04/16/2020 02:50 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Thomas Antoine, Esq.	<p>Dir Sirs or Madams,</p> <p>The continued executive "Stay at Home" order has and continues to cause such harm that it is not in the public's interest of safety or health to continue. Said harm so outweighs the benefit that it is inconceivable that it should continue. There is no empirical evidence to support the shutdown. The shutdown has violated multiple constitutional rights that every office of legal authority of this Great State of North Carolina is sworn to uphold.</p> <p>The unemployment rate in North Carolina was exceptionally low at 3.8% before the executive order, just under the national 4.1% average. Now, as of the date of this letter, WRAL reports that the total new unemployment claims for the last month has reached 22 million, a record stretch of job loss. Some economists say the unemployment rate could reach as high as 20% in April alone. This will be the highest rate since the Great Depression of the 1930s.</p> <p>Already, we are seeing people run out of resources to buy groceries and bare necessities. Food banks cannot keep pace. Our death rate to COVID-19 will pale in comparison to the death rate by starvation should this continue. Agriculture across the state is being decimated, crops are being plowed under, fertilized eggs broken and supply chains stopped because we can't get product to the consumers.</p> <p>There is not enough economic stimulus to support impacted businesses. All the PPP funding available from the Fed was exhausted in a matter of days. That program was designed to be temporary, just 8 weeks. The IRS relief was also intended for a short duration that arrived in most peoples' accounts this week.</p> <p>Hard data available now is proving COVID-19 to be no more threatening than H1N1 and slightly more dangerous than the common flue. I do not have the space to quote the voluminous amount of medical data that demonstrates this. However, the fact that now 30% of people tested in Chicago, IL have COVID-19 antibodies is a strong indicator that this virus is no more harmful than the flue and our population is already generating the herd immunity required to render it ineffective. Tracking of the disease should not be used to quarantine, rather to ensure this immunity strengthens.</p> <p>We have trampled on both the State Constitution, the US Constitution, and Bill of Rights that I as a lawyer and you as Assembly people are sworn to uphold. We've violated the Freedom to Assemble, the Freedom to Worship, the Right to Due Process in our court systems, and a myriad of other inalienable rights. Each of these is a separate cause of action. The irreparable economic damage to individuals and business also presents a</p>

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			<p>strong case against the State's actions to both initiate and particularly to continue a State "Stay at Home" order. Counties supporting the same are in equally deep legal trouble.</p> <p>Therefore, it is imperative that we Re-Open the great State of North Carolina post haste. End the illegal and unconstitutional totalitarian style mandates and return power to the rightful owners of these liberties, the Citizens of North Carolina.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Thomas L. Antoine, Esq.</p>
04/16/2020 02:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Apartment Assoc. of NC Janae Moore	<p>As an industry, owners, operators, and suppliers are all feeling the same burden of the average tenant. Income reduction, property loss, and a need for resources are all shared experiences through the duration of this pandemic.</p> <p>As a result, many housing providers are taking measures to help their tenants during this unprecedented time, offering rent deferment, developing payment plans and waiving late fees. We understand the hardships that are being faced and encourage tenants who have been financially impacted by COVID-19 to stay in active communication with property management.</p> <p>We strongly support efforts to pass additional relief and stimulus legislation. Our ask is that you include help for North Carolina rental housing providers, housing professionals, and tenants. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure all relief/aid measures specifically apply to individuals and businesses directly impacted by COVID 19.</li> <li>• Emergency Rental Assistance- particularly for those who are presently not receiving state and federal aid.</li> <li>• Relief to owner/operators particularly those who do not have federally backed mortgages.</li> <li>• Extend local governments the authority to offer critical property tax relief.</li> </ul> <p>The enormity of the challenges we are facing as a nation and as an industry is evolving on a daily or even hourly basis. We remain committed to ensuring that all who live in apartments have a safe, secure place to call home; and we stand ready to work with you as you work to provide the assistance necessary to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis.</p>
04/16/2020 02:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Terry Dyer	Open NC for business! Do not let this country fall because of partisan politics! We will remember come a November!
04/16/2020 02:51 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ann Glacken	Please re-open our state. People are suffering economically and emotionally with this shutdown. Jobs have been lost, the self-employed are being hammered economically. The money subsidy they will receive barely pays the rent.
04/16/2020 02:52 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Please Reopen NC Gretchen Steed	Please reopen.... allow those at high risk or those that are scared stay home. Please don't sacrifice our livelihood for sake a few.
04/16/2020 02:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Kirby LaForce	Please begin re-opening the state economy on May 1, 2020. Hardworking Americans are suffering and need to get back to work. Thank you.

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04/16/2020 02:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Brian D'Amico	<p>I think we're all concerned about people's lives. The thing that gets the most news is the lives lost to the virus and the families affected. We all should pray for those families just as we should any family who has lost a loved one.</p> <p>The thing that does not get much news at all are the other lives lost due to suicide and murder, domestic and child abuse and more, all due to economic hardship and stay-at-home orders. These lives should also matter to us all, but are not discussed. So when you ask "does economics come before people's lives" we should all understand that economics AFFECTS people's lives. The loss of a job or an economic hardship is one of the biggest stressors in a person's life.</p> <p>I think we all care for people. It does not have to be an either THIS or THAT scenario. When people say 'we need to get back to work' people should not immediately assume they have no care for human life. It should not also be assumed that people saying "we need to get back to work" expect to go back to exactly the way things were. Businesses will adapt. People will adapt. We are now all wiser than before. For example, restaurants can begin seating less people and spreading them out. Department stores can implement the same policies that WalMart has done. (spreading people out, less people in the building)</p> <p>I'm not trying to minimize the coronavirus and its effects at all. But there has to be a more balanced way to address this issue than the one we're doing now. We need to care about all members of the population...those who are sick from the virus and those who are healthy because the healthy people are suffering too.</p>
04/16/2020 02:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen Small Business Andrea Oteri	<p>I am a self employed Hairstylist and have no income due to the shutdown. I am also a single Mother. Please help us get back to work so we can feed our children and pay our bill. Unemployment is not an option at the time either.</p>
04/16/2020 02:53 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. James Cason	<p>We NEED to do everything possible to OPEN NC - not all at once, but rural areas and small towns don't have the degree of problems of the large urban areas. I personally (in my business) am classified as essential (computer service), but I am NOT making service calls at this time (I have COPD), I do remotely handle some commercial accounts. Too many out of work too long - complete economic disruption will cause problems that make COVID-19 look small. NC elected a governor, not a duke nor king. There are already many "essential" working, there seems to be NO logical determination of what businesses are essential vs not; the idea of essential stores having areas roped off of stuff that can't be sold is ridiculous.</p> <p>#ReopenNC. That last EO quietly changed the end from end April to mid-May. So far, the public hasn't really picked up on that (I found it by reading the whole text), but there will likely be revolt in the streets once people figure it out.</p> <p>Let us adults figure out what is needed individually. Just because I am losing work doesn't mean that all others should.</p>
04/16/2020 02:53 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Tracey Smith	<p>We CAN NOT keep nc shut down. Not only is this DEVASTATING to our state, but a VIRUS needs to run its course. Our numbers are low and NOT due to this shutdown... the 6 states that never issued stay at home orders and still have 6 of the LOWEST NUMBERS IN THE COUNTRY prove that. Those high risk are better off if we, the healthy, can be free to build herd immunity for them, which is how we deal with EVERY OTHER VIRUS. This nonsense is a weak attempt at stripping the residents of this state's rights away, little by little until</p>

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			there's nothing left. We need to #reopenNC!!!
04/16/2020 02:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	We must reopen our state Kathleen Sharpe	We MUST reopen our economy immediately, and remove all unnecessary restrictions. The numbers simply do not bear the burden of ten million people and untold businesses facing bankruptcy!
04/16/2020 02:54 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Win Dale	Please work together to find common ground and compromise to keep people safe while getting this economy back up and running!!
04/16/2020 02:55 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr & Mrs Mike McKinney	It is time to open North Carolina back up.
04/16/2020 02:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Krista Brooks	Time to start re-opening NC!!!
04/16/2020 02:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	S Messinger	Business' should be allowed to submit reopening business plans, get them approved, and work in accord with the plans- minimal people, distances, masks, etc .. all the same things essential businesses are implementing
04/16/2020 02:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Beverly Anderson	I feel it is time to reopen our state. Why can the vulnerable in our society self quarantine and allow those who are not to return to work. We are devastating families, destroying businesses. If this continues we will loose even more people. We need to think about all citizens. For 98% of the population it is no more than flu like symptoms. How are we ever going to reach any kind of herd immunity if people have no exposure. Start thinking about all NC residents and come up with a plan to get us moving now not a month from now.
04/16/2020 02:55 PM	Education Working Group		We need to reopen our state to build back up the economy and moral. Many of us had this virus early this year and got through it just fine. The economy crashing is way worse than this sickness. I am a teacher and our kids need stability back at school. Many are at home in less than ideal conditions. A 10 year old just got admitted to the mental hospital because she couldn't handle the lack of routine and stability. Thousands can't afford to feed themselves or their families. Food is a need. This virus is low on the totem pole when compared to food and safety from abusive homes. My husband is a fireman and owns a small business. We see it from many sides and the virus is not a major concern because majority of people get over it just like the flu and other viruses. We won't just get over the economy. There are 0 people in Guilford county's hospital with covid as of Monday. Remove the quarantine!
04/16/2020 02:55 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr Martin Robbins	To whom it may concern. Please allow business in NC to reopen. The numbers on this virus is wrong and blowed way out of proportion. There are to many people that have lost there jobs on count of this shutdown and it will only get worse if it continues. #ReopenNC
04/16/2020 02:56 PM	Health Care Working Group	Keep NC Healthy Tiffany Conville	Please keep NC safe and healthy by allowing science and professionals to dictate policy decisions regarding the reopening of the state. Please value the health of the citizens of NC.
04/16/2020 02:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Stephen Benton	Governor Cooper's EO is killing North Carolina's economy and will have repercussions that are potentially far worse than the Wuhan virus. The cure is indeed worse than the disease. Even after taking "social distancing" into account, all the "chicken little" models have turned out to be simply flat out wrong. Maybe criminally so. As I understand it, Cooper

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			failed to get endorsement from the Council of State for his emergency declaration. The General Assembly needs to take action and end Cooper's lock down for the good of the state. Those that are most at risk can take appropriate measures on their own while the rest of us get back to work and repair our economy!
04/16/2020 02:57 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Christina Clark	Governor Cooper, I am a resident of North Carolina and have been working from home since March 16th. I am very lucky to have the opportunity to work from home and continue to receive a paycheck. However, I know many more that have been laid off, still waiting to receive their first unemployment check, and many more business owners who have temporarily had to shut their doors because of this orders put in place. How long can they survive? Many small business owners will never be able to reopen if this goes any longer than the end of this month. How many people will lose every thing that they have, trying to pay their bills on the unemployment checks that they receive. You cannot treat every region and every individual like you do Charlotte or Raleigh. Let the people that want to work, go back to work with safety measures in place.
04/16/2020 02:57 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs Heather MacAulay	We are a family of 6 and have not been able to work in a month. We are still taking health care precautions, but please OPEN small businesses who will not have as many people in them as a Walmart or Lowe's. They can have the same social distance rules in place as these big stores do!
04/16/2020 02:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Michael Gorman	Please REOPEN NC as soon as possible. Huge foodbank line are now evident... hurting those without jobs... people probably dying! The cure is now worse than the disease! People losing their life's savings through retirement plans, etc. There are many areas that can open with guidelines so that our hospitals are not overwhelmed.
04/16/2020 02:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Anna Reed	Please REOPEN NC asap. Small businesses and restaurants are all hurting...bankruptcies etc will happen NC needs to reopen. Keep risk population to stay home. We cannot ruin our lives economy well being to this virus that kills a SMALL % of people vs. The population of NC.please REOPEN
04/16/2020 02:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mrs. Kathy Deese	We need North Carolina reopened. Businesses can reopen and still abide by the social distancing and wearing of masks. Don't kill our economy!! We are voters and deserve to be supported.
04/16/2020 02:58 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Alicia Spease	We need our country to open again. Our small businesses will be gone forever leaving millions without a job which means a lot of hungry mouths. Suicide, hunger and abuse will kill more than this virus. This shutdown is ruining the American Dream and our livelihood. This shut down is not for the best of our people. The longer this lasts, the more dangerous it will become!
04/16/2020 02:58 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Jessica Justus	Please reopen our state! Businesses are drowning, people are suffering because of the shutdown!!! Open NC!!!!
04/16/2020 02:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections &	Mrs Lisa Grainger	Open up NC again! Every aspect of this state is being negatively affected the longer you postpone this!! Count the cost to human life's in more ways than just the virus. The cost will be steeper the longer you draw this out.

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	Public Safety) Working Group		
04/16/2020 02:59 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Reopen NC Karen Marich	We need the restaurants and small businesses to open...now! We have seen zero money, stimulus or helping the business owner pay employees. At this rate, you are driving a nail into the coffin of these small businesses!
04/16/2020 02:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Jonathan Spivey	need to open up and go back to work
04/16/2020 02:59 PM	Economic Support Working Group	MR Allen Gang	We need to reopen NC businesses with some sensical restrictions. What is the difference if everyone goes to Walmart, Lowes or Home Depot everyday and other retailers that need to operate? The models were grossly off by a magnitude. We can not wait until these items that Cooper is proposing.
04/16/2020 03:00 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	North Carolina Citizen	Participate with Zoom. Let the public speak their mind.
04/16/2020 03:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Thomas Savage	<p>It is essential for North Carolina to bring back the economy NOW! We can't wait any longer. We must spend whatever it takes to have testing available for All residents on demand. We also need masks readily available to the general population. Anyone over 65 should have ready access to m95 masks, disposable gloves and hand sanitizer s. They are not available to us now . You need to get them from ASAP. It will be up to us to use them properly and to protect ourselves.</p> <p>There are too many people out of work. This will lead to as many or more deaths from drug use. Suicide, alcoholism as from the Wuhan virus. A large proportion of virus deaths are in nursing homes. You need to develop protocols for nursing homes to sole the problem.</p> <p>I live in Haywood County. We have had 4 cases. There is no reason for our economy to be shut down. Hiking trails have been closed throughout the area. For no reason.</p> <p>The governor wants to prolong the shutdown statewide without justification. You need to develop protocols for various sectors of the economy and let the economy function. You must send a strong message to the governor that the state must open for business NOW. With reasonable safeguards: PPE testing and reasonable distancing! Citizens are smart enough to know what risks we want to take!</p>
04/16/2020 03:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Me Louis Perrone	Please we need nc reopened by the 1st we cannot go another 14 days we are literally going broke all of our life savings is going fast we need to work ASAP
04/16/2020 03:00 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Reopen NC! Karin Potter	Unemployment is not the answer! We need to reopen now to save ourselves and our children's future! We can and will take responsibility for our own selves and our own health. My dad lives with us and I take this very seriously but if we can't pay our bills how will we feed our family??? The cure is worse than the virus!